Don't Forget to Vote!

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 were mailed a ballot 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)

**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](http://RegisterToVote.ca.gov).

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**Daylight Saving Time - This Weekend**

Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour on Sunday, November 6, and enjoy an extra hour of sleep.
Objective Design Standards Hearing - November 9, 2022

The state-mandated update of the Town's Housing Element will result in a number of designated housing opportunity sites to meet the Town's Regional Housing Needs Allocation of 639 units. Additionally, the State of California continues to enact new laws that require streamlined housing approval by establishing a by-right, ministerial approval process for multifamily residential development.

An important (and required) part of implementing these new regulations is the replacement of subjective design guidelines with objective design standards for multifamily and residential and mixed-use development, meaning the standards will involve no personal or subjective judgement by a public official and are uniformly verifiable by reference to an external and uniform benchmark or criterion.

The Town will hold a Public Hearing on the Objective Design Standards with the Planning Commission on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be on Zoom. The join details are copied below.

Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89576689377
Telephone: +1 669 900 6833
Access Code: 895 7668 9377

The draft Objective Design Standards is available here for feedback and comments. Please send any written comments to Senior Planner Christy Fong at cfong@townoftiburon.org.

Residential Burglaries & Crime Prevention

On October 31, 2022, a residential burglary was reported to the Tiburon Police Department by gardeners at a residence on Paseo Mirasol. A rear glass door to the home was smashed and burglarized over the prior week while the owners were out of town. If you saw any suspicious activity around Paseo Mirasol in the past week, please contact Officer Azevedo at (415)789-2801.

Other burglaries similar to this one have been reported in other parts of Marin County in the last week. With the holidays approaching, it is more important than ever to take precautions to protect your home and personal property, especially while you are out of town.

When going out of town, TPD recommends:

- Do not post on social media that you are going out of town
- Request a vacation house check from Tiburon PD (details here)
- Notify neighbors when you are going out of town
- Stop newspaper and mail to your home
- Set up lights, radios, and televisions on timers
- Install motion detecting lights - try to make your home seem occupied
- Have a functioning alarm system and install security cameras around your home
- Ask house-sitters or neighbors to check on your home
- Work with neighbors to look out for each other, and consider setting up a neighborhood watch program
- If you see something, say something. Be able to articulate suspicious activity. Call TPD at (415)789-2800. Police and dispatch are available 24/7
- Add additional security measures to french or sliding glass doors
Say Hello to New Police Captain, Michelle L. Jean

On behalf of the Tiburon Police Department, Police Chief Ryan Monaghan is pleased to introduce Police Captain Michelle L. Jean to the community.

Captain Jean brings 31 years of law enforcement experience, 29 of those years served with the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD). She has managed law enforcement operations in patrol, investigations, and administrative assignments. She served as a District Station Captain before retiring from the SFPD. Read the full news release.

Captain Jean joins the Tiburon Police Department on Monday 11/7. If you see her around, say hello!

Are You Ready for Winter Storms?

Winter and the stormy season is quickly approaching. To prepare for winter storms, consider the following:

**Flood.** If you are in an area likely to flood, use sandbags. A guide on properly stacking sandbags is available on the GetReady storm site. If you are aware of drainage failure and significant flooding, contact the Tiburon Police Department at (415)789-2800 and TPD will notify the appropriate response personnel.

**Erosion control.** Construction sites are required to implement erosion control and winterization of sites during the rainy season (October 15 through May 1). Learn how to winterize your site here.

**Wind.** Heavy winds will cause patio furniture and other loose items to blow around and potentially break sliding glass doors and windows. Secure all patio furniture, boats, and other items in your yard.

**Fallen trees.** Report fallen trees to the Tiburon Police Department at (415)789-2800.

**Landslide.** Inspect your property for land movement, retaining wall failure or drainage ditch and downspout issues. Clean out ditches, drains, and gutters for proper water flow away from your structure. Know multiple escape routes from your home and yard and evacuate your property if you discover earth movement or landslide.

**Power outage or downed power lines.** Power outages should be reported to PG&E at (800)743-5002 or online. Downed power lines should be reported to PG&E and 911.

**Driver safety.** Use extra caution and keep your headlights on. Obey the speed limit and follow other traffic signals or detours from a safe distance.

Upcoming Community Meetings

Town Council
Diversity Inclusion Task Force (A Standing Committee of the Town Council)
Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Planning Commission
Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Design Review Board
Next Regular Meeting: Thursday, November 17, 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, November 22, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Public Art Selection Panel (A Standing Committee of the Heritage & Arts Commission)
Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Belvedere-Tiburon Disaster Advisory Council
Next Regular Meeting: TBD

Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency Board of Trustees
Next Regular Meeting: Monday, November 21, 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.