

Belvedere E-Newsletter



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Poor Circulation or ,Whose Road Is It Anyway?

When folks in Belvedere talk about poor circulation, chances are they are not referring to blood flow. Here in this beautiful and historic city, circulation around the Island is an everyday challenge given the narrow roads and the number of construction and maintenance projects going on at any one time.

The Building and Public Works Staff have become quite skilled at coordinating the road closures that are necessary to allow these projects to proceed safely. Not only must we provide space for residents and construction vehicles to maneuver in and out of various sites, but the City must also insure that properties can be accessed by police, fire and emergency medical vehicles if necessary.



This means that projects must sometimes “take turns” so that there is at least one clear path around the Island and so no street or neighborhood is excessively burdened. Recognizing the impact on residents who are anxious to complete their improvement projects, as well as on those who are inconvenienced by the road closures, our staff tries their best to balance everyone’s needs. While the temptation might be to limit road closures as much as possible, that only results in delaying the project; it does not make it go away. Sometimes letting the work proceed, while bothersome at the time, is the quickest way to return the neighborhood to normal.

Road closures are allowed for half days or full days and are not allowed on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Applicants must notify the City three days in advance so that the City has time to let affected residents know what to expect. If you’re not already signed up, please visit the “Notify Me” page on the City’s website to receive email notification of road closures. And next time you see a “Road Closed” sign near home, remember that some day you may be the one needing to replace a roof or build a garage and those signs will be a welcome sight!

Regular City Meetings: Open and Public

Regular meetings of the following bodies are held at City Hall and are open to the public.

City Council: Second Monday,
6:30pm

Planning Commission: Third
Tuesday, 6:30pm

Parks and Open Space

Committee: Second

Thursday, 4:00pm

Citizens' Flood Zone

Committee: Second

Wednesday, 6:30pm

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Enjoy the Good Life in Tiburon! Friday Nights on Main 2013 celebrates Italy with La Dolce Vita



friday nights on main 2013

Main Street | Downtown Tiburon | Fridays 6 - 9pm



On Friday, June 28, Main Street in Tiburon will remind you of a summer's evening in Italy as Tiburon celebrates "La Dolce Vita" at Friday Nights on Main from 6 to 9 pm.

With Main Street closed to cars for the evening, you'll be able to stroll along the street, dine al fresco at one of the many restaurants on Main Street, while enjoying the music of Roscoe Gallo & James Henry with 4 on Fire, performing Italian favorites.

Strolling opera singers will entertain with songs from favorite Italian operas. For Italian car fans, a new model Maserati will be on display.

Hosted by the Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Friday Nights on Main will take place on the last Friday of June, July, August and on September 13, 20 and 27.

For more information about these events, contact the Chamber of Commerce on 435 5633 or visit tiburon-chamber.org.

Belvedere Tiburon Recreation Donation Opportunity

Buy - A - Brick, Leave a Legacy

Purchase a 4 x 8 brick for \$500 or a 8 x 8 brick for \$1,000, engraved as you wish.

Help furnish and equip the new Dairy Knoll recreation center!

Honor your child, your family, or remember a loved one.

Order now at www.btrecreation.com



Emergency Trailer Arrives!

Thanks to the generosity of the Tiburon Fire Protection District and the Belvedere Community Foundation, the City now has its own disaster response trailer fully equipped with first aid supplies, emergency generators, bottled water, etc. This terrific resource will be immediately available to Belvedere residents during a natural disaster or other emergency when there may be prolonged power outages or road closures that make it impossible to reach a hospital or other first aid station.

While everyone hopes the trailer will never have to be used, it's a comfort to many to have it close by and available!



Did you miss Concerts-in-the-Park last Sunday?? Shame on you!

Here's your next chance to join the party!!!

July 14, come see the MONTCLAIR WOMEN'S BIG BAND – 17 talented musicians offering a big, brassy, swing ensemble. www.montclairwom3nsband.com

Concerts take place in Belvedere Park from 4-6pm. Bring a blanket, a picnic, your family and friends, and have a great time.

Concerts are FREE to the public and sponsored by individual and community tax deductible donations. The City of Belvedere and the Belvedere Community Foundation have supported this program for the last 16 years.

New Faces at Belvedere City Hall

Irene Borba started work June 3 as Belvedere's City Planner. She holds a Bachelors Degree in Environmental Studies (City Planning) from Sonoma State University. She brings more than twenty years of planning experience to her new role: eleven years with the City of Petaluma, seven with the Town of Tiburon and four years as a consultant with the Metropolitan Planning Group (M Group). During her tenure with M Group, she worked for the City of Petaluma, the County of Napa, and for the last few months, the City of Belvedere.

Irene's depth and breadth of experience in all aspects of planning, zoning and design review has already proven to be a tremendous benefit to applicants and staff. She looks forward to working with the Planning Commission and community to identify ways to improve the City's planning process and to explore solutions that mitigate the impact of FEMA regulations on waterfront properties.



Welcome Irene!



We are delighted to introduce our new Administrative Clerk, Alison Foulis, to the community!

Alison is a Marin Catholic alumna and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Planning from the University of California at San Diego. She joined the City staff in May and immediately "dove in" to provide much-needed support for the Planning and Building Departments and the City Clerk. She is putting her excellent computer skills to work on the City's website, as well as taking over as minutes clerk and secretary for the Parks and Open Space Committee, Citizens' Flood Zone Committee, Historic Preservation, and the Traffic Safety Committee.

Welcome Alison!