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Tiburon to add more license-plate cameras

Council OKs \$60,500 for installation in security network's Cypress Hollow blind spot

By **DEIRDRE MCCROHAN**
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Tiburon will extend its license-plate-reader camera system to cover two streets in the Cypress Hollow neighborhood.

The Town Council at its March 2 meeting voted unanimously in favor of adding cameras near the intersections of Bay Vista and Rancho drives and Bay Vista and Cypress Hollow drives. It approved a \$60,500 budget amendment to pay for the project.

The estimated cost of expanding the system breaks down to \$45,443 for equipment purchases, \$14,543 for installation and up to \$500 for miscellaneous Pacific Gas and Electric Co. costs. The budget amendment does not cover the \$7,500 cost for the first

year of an annual software subscription.

Town Manager Greg Chanis said it hasn't been decided whether the final configuration will result in two or three new camera locations, but that the budget amendment is sufficient to cover three.

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Wildfire home standards could save residents cash

Several local Firewise communities eligible for insurance discounts

By **SHAYNE JONES**
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Residents of Tiburon Peninsula neighborhoods that have taken communitywide steps to harden their homes against wildfires — such as having a resistant roof, at least 5 feet of defensible space and a clearly defined evacuation route — could be eligible for insurance discounts under new California safety standards.

The “Safer From Wildfire” initiative announced last month by state Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara creates a defined three-pronged baseline for wildfire resilience that's meant to encourage communities to protect themselves and insurance companies to offer discounts to those that do.

According to the state Department of Insurance, there are 17 companies representing 40 percent of the insurance market that already voluntarily offer discounts to individual homeowners and

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Tiburon resident Laura Peters, seen with partner Nicholas Schoichet, scans the Old Rail Trail with a metal detector March 5 looking for valuables and artifacts. She runs GeekyBeach, which helps people recover lost items.

Tiburon detectorist works to reunite people with their lost items

By **SHAYNE JONES**
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When she goes to the beach, Laura Peters grabs a metal detector instead of a beach towel.

The 38-year-old Tiburon resident runs her own online metal-detecting business called GeekyBeach, scouring the sandy

shores of the peninsula each day not for seashells or sand crabs but for items others have lost.

“The best thing in the world is seeing someone's reaction when I find their precious item,” Peters says. “Their eyes fill with such joy, and they can't help

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Reed schools to end face-covering rule

Only mask mandate remaining is federal, for high-risk settings

By **EMILY LAVIN and KEVIN HESSEL**
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Students in the Reed Union School District will be able to ditch their masks indoors beginning next week.

Superintendent Kimberly McGrath last week confirmed the district would align with updated state and county public-health guidance that moves from mandating to strongly

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Strawberry Rec settles wrongful-termination lawsuit for \$595,000

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The Strawberry Recreation District has paid \$595,000 to settle a wrongful-termination lawsuit filed by its former general manager.

The payout to Leanne Kreuzer, which includes about \$181,000 to cover Kreuzer's attorney fees, was covered through the district's insurance and

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Watch out for own garbage, which attract coyotes to your home

I was saddened to learn of the coyote attacks on two dogs on Bella Vista and Toyon avenues.

In January, I became aware of next-door neighbors leaving garbage out and unsecured, which was attracting wildlife. I noticed a coyote coming to their property every night and sometimes in early morning, feasting on the garbage.

I notified the police and the Department of Public Works of the regular occurrence of a

coyote on the prowl on Madrona Avenue on Belvedere Island.

I'm sorry to learn that two dogs were attacked and hope that the neighbors will keep their small pets inside and make certain to secure their garbage so it does not attract wildlife in the future.

— Marcia McGovern, Belvedere

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MEETINGS & AGENDAS

Public meetings of local interest

Tiburon Diversity Inclusion Task Force: 5 today, March 9, by Zoom teleconference. Members of the public may participate using meeting ID 854-2146-9342 and passcode 464833 or by calling 669-900-6833 and entering the meeting ID and passcode when prompted.

Tiburon Planning Commission: The meeting scheduled for tonight, March 9, has been canceled.

Tiburon Fire Protection District board of directors: 6:30 tonight, March 9, boardroom, downtown Tiburon fire station, 1679 Tiburon Blvd. Members of the public may participate via Zoom using meeting ID 867-8332-8035 and passcode 458776 or by calling 669-900-6833 and entering the meeting ID and passcode when prompted.

Belvedere Parks & Open Space Committee: 4 p.m. March 10, by Zoom teleconference. Members of the public may participate using meeting ID 880-1186-6057 or by calling 888-788-0099 and entering the meeting ID when prompted.

Richardson Bay Regional Agency board of directors: 5:30 p.m. March 10, by Zoom teleconference. Visit rbra.ca.gov/public-meetings ahead of the meeting for agenda and connection details.

Belvedere City Council: 6:30 p.m. March 14, by Zoom teleconference. Visit cityofbelvedere.org/95/City-Council ahead of the meeting for agenda and connection details.

Richardson Bay Sanitary District board of directors: 4 p.m. March 15, sanitary district office, 500 Tiburon Blvd.; access via utility road parallel to Old Rail Trail. Visit

arkn.ws/rbsd_agendas ahead of the meeting for agenda.

Tiburon Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission: 5:30 p.m. March 15, by Zoom teleconference. Members of the public may participate using meeting ID is 840-3026-5001 or by calling 669-900-6833 and entering the meeting ID when prompted.

Belvedere Planning Commission: 6:30 p.m. March 15, by Zoom teleconference. Visit cityofbelvedere.org/101/Planning-Commission ahead of the meeting for agenda and connection details.

Tiburon Town Council: 5 p.m. March 16, by Zoom teleconference. Visit townoftiburon.org/163/Town-Council ahead of meeting for agenda and connection details.

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Strawberry board backs preschool's plan to move from Tiburon

By EMILY LAVIN

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The Osher Marin Jewish Community Center plans to relocate its Tiburon preschool to a vacant building in Strawberry, a move that has the support of the local Design Review Board.

The board at its Feb. 28 meeting voted 4-0, with Penna Omega absent, to recommend approval of the conditional use permit required to allow the preschool to operate at 36 Tiburon Blvd., which sits at the corner of the Redwood Highway frontage road near the Highway 101 interchange. The advisory board's

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CORRECTION

"Lagoon View remodel is sent back to drawing board," March 2, pg. 12: Tiburon Design Review Board member Suzanne Kim considered blocking the Mount Tamalpais view of homeowners Alex Rosner and Joy Ho to be problematic. The article misidentified the homeowners whose view would be blocked.

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Tiburon to take closer look at rules to settle tree, view disputes

Residents have right to protect views, but group seeking changes says burden on tree owners too great

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A group of Reedlands residents is asking Tiburon to make changes to rules governing neighbor disputes when trees grow to block views and sunlight, saying the required mediation process is unfair and costly for the tree owners. However, several other residents have balked at the proposed tweaks.

The Town Council at its March 2 meeting voted 4-0 to direct staff to bring its tree ordinance to the council for review, tentatively

scheduled for consideration March 16. Councilmember Jack Ryan was present for the online meeting but his connection cut out and he was absent from the vote.

The ordinance establishes the right of residents to preserve views or sunlight that existed at any time since they purchased or occupied a property from unreasonable obstruction by the growth of trees.

The town has a set of criteria to determine if an obstruction is unreasonable, including the quality of the view, such as blocking a landmark or vista. Neighbors

are encouraged to work out the problems on their own but, if that fails, the complaining party is to offer mediation, and the tree owner has up to 30 days to either accept or reject the offer. If mediation is rejected, the complaining neighbor may sue.

The Tiburon council adopted the current iteration of the ordinance in December 1991, following years of mounting litigation expenses incurred in the town's defense of its previous regulations. The ordinance was

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Fountain flowing again after town repairs leaks

After diagnosing the leak at the 'Coming About' fountain in downtown Tiburon, Pete Velles of the Tiburon Public Works on Feb. 28 checks out the new valve needed for the repair.



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By DEIRDRE McCROHAN

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Tiburon's downtown fountain is flowing once again after the town's Public Works crew identified and repaired two leaks that were causing a slow but persistent drop in the fountain's water level.

The department last month noticed the water at the "Coming About" fountain at the corner of Main Street and Tiburon Boulevard seemed to be dipping faster than it should.

The crew turned off the fountain's motor — which slowly rotates the sculpture's five steel sails — and drained and power-washed the fountain basin to clean out the sediment and gunk, but it couldn't immediately identify the problem.

A leak-detection service was brought in for a preliminary inspection but said it would need

more equipment and wouldn't be able to return for several weeks.

The town decided to hold off on bringing the service back while its Public Works crew investigated further, using a list of items to check into left by the leak-detection service.

Senior Maintenance Worker Pete Velles eventually identified the two leaks, caused by worn-out parts in the fountain's machinery.

Velles said the department decided to do water tests, filling the lower part of the fountain basin with water and letting it sit there over a long weekend. When Velles checked, the basin had not lost any water, he said.

Next, they moved to the fountain's upper vault, where the sails are, and filled that up.

"That started to leak slowly, so

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Meetings, *from page 3*

Sanitary District No. 5 of Marin board of directors: 5 p.m. March 17, by Zoom teleconference. Visit sani5.org/meetings/agendas ahead of the meeting for agenda and connection details.

Tiburon Design Review Board: 6 p.m. March 17, by Zoom teleconference. Visit townoftiburon.org/150/Design-Review-Board ahead of the meeting for agenda and connection details.

Belvedere-Tiburon Library Agency board of trustees: 6:15 p.m. March 21, by Zoom teleconference. Visit beltiblibrary.org/about-us/governance ahead of the meeting for agenda and connection details.

Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation Committee board of directors: 7 p.m. March 21 by Zoom teleconference. Visit theranchtoday.org/board ahead of the meeting for agenda and connection details.

Strawberry Design Review Board: 7:30 p.m. March 21, by Zoom teleconference. Visit arkn.ws/StrawDRBAgendas ahead of the meeting for agenda and connection details.

Tiburon Heritage & Arts Commission: 5:30 p.m. March 22, by Zoom teleconference. Visit townoftiburon.org/280/Agendas-Minutes-Staff-Reports ahead of the meeting for agenda and connection details.

Tiburon Planning Commission: 6:30 p.m. March 23, by Zoom teleconference. Visit townoftiburon.org/149/

Planning-Commission ahead of the meeting for agenda and connection details.

Southern Marin Fire Protection District board of directors: 7 p.m. March 23, by Zoom teleconference. Visit arkn.ws/SMFPDagendas ahead of the meeting for agenda and connection details.

Tiburon Diversity Inclusion Task Force agenda

The Tiburon Diversity Inclusion Task Force meets at 5 today, March 9, by Zoom teleconference. Members of the public may participate using meeting ID 854-2146-9342 and passcode 464833 or by calling 669-900-6833 and entering the meeting ID and passcode when prompted. The following items are on the agenda:

- Presentation on proposals for diversity element of the Tiburon General Plan update and make a recommendation to the Town Council on next steps.
- Discussion of possible response to an incident involving recent distribution of antisemitic flyers in Tiburon, including potential revisions to the Town Council resolution celebrating diversity.
- Presentation from the Transformative Justice Institute on its community engagement findings.

Tiburon Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission agenda

The Tiburon Parks, Open Space and

Trails Commission meets at 5 p.m. March 15, by Zoom teleconference. Members of the public may participate using meeting ID is 840-3026-5001 or by calling 669-900-6833 and entering the meeting ID when prompted. The following items are on the agenda:

- Approval of minutes of Jan. 18 meeting.
- Recognition of Commissioner Park Allen for his years of service.
- Introduction of new commissioner.
- Updates on various parks projects, including Moitoza Lane stair repairs; Old Rail Trail signs; and inventory of steps, lanes and paths.
- Informational presentations on Zelinsky Park, town-owned open space (Del Madera subdivision parcel 26) and Middle Ridge Open Space Preserve.
- Informational presentation on status of Hacienda Drive trail and access to Middle Ridge Preserve.
- Proposed Teather Park pickleball and backboard project.
- Proposed beach volleyball court for Richardson Bay Lineal Park.
- Appointments to fill vacancy on commission's Steps, Lanes and Paths Inventory subcommittee.
- Update on proposed mountain bike recreation area.
- Proposed leash requirement for dogs at Cypress Hollow Park.
- Proposed updates to Chapter 20 (Animals) of the Tiburon Municipal Code.

Resident with career in environmental advocacy is named to town parks board

By **DEIRDRE McCROHAN**
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A Tiburon newcomer with an extensive background in environmental advocacy has been named to the Parks, Open Space and Trails Commission.

Elizabeth Judge was appointed to a four-year term on the board March 2 by a unanimous vote of the Town Council. She replaces Park Allen, who had served on the board for 12 years but decided not to seek reappointment when his most recent term expired Feb. 28.



Judge

Judge, 42, moved to Tiburon a year ago. In a March 3 interview, she said she has enjoyed exploring the town's outdoor spaces.

She grew up in Westlake, Ohio, and received her bachelor's degree from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism in 2001.

She went on to work as an editor for Aspen Magazine in Colorado and was promoted to managing editor. She used her vacation time to work as a contractor managing media relations for ESPN's summer and winter X Games.

She left Aspen Magazine in 2005, accepting a job with the nonprofit Aspen Institute. In 2010, she was hired as the Washington, D.C., campaign manager for San Francisco-based Earthjustice. She later moved to San Francisco to

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Fine-arts professional named to Heritage and Arts Commission

By **DEIRDRE MCCROHAN**
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A Tiburon resident with more than two decades of experience as an art appraiser and consultant has been named to the Heritage and Arts Commission.

Arjun Gupta was appointed to the seven-member board by a unanimous vote of the Town Council at its March 2 meeting. He takes over for Kindra Lee, who stepped down in October. Gupta will serve the remainder of Lee's term, which ends in

February 2024, and would then be eligible for reappointment to a fresh four-year term.

Gupta, 54, is a fine-arts professional who co-founded Worthound in Mill Valley, an art technology platform that helps collectors and their fiduciaries with the valuation and appraisal of art as an alternative asset in financial portfolios.

In his application for the seat, he said he wanted to combine his long-standing interest in heritage and preservation with his desire

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serve as the organization's media director and advocacy communications director.

From 2016 to 2020, Judge was a communications officer for the Menlo Park-based William and Flora Hewlett Foundation's environment program. Since 2020, she has worked as a program strategist for Tempest Advisors, providing professional philanthropic consulting services.

Judge is a member of the steering committee of the European Climate Foundation's Global Strategic Communications Council, the donor advisory group of Climate Nexus and the governing board of the Climate Advocacy Lab.

In her application for the volunteer post, she pointed to her "deep knowledge of opportunities in public-private-philanthropy

partnership and a successful career in engaging public audiences in local, regional, national policies to protect the environment plus public lands."

"Tiburon's parks, open spaces and trails are incredible treasures," she said. "They're the gift that keeps giving. I would love to make them welcoming to all people, residents and visitors alike."

She said she would like to help with the effort to better educate the public about where local parks, open spaces and trails are, what can be done on them and what challenges they face from climate change.

"Better information about what makes these parks special and how the public can engage in actively protecting them would be really valuable," she said.

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- FOMC meeting on March 16.
 - Federal Funds Rate is set to rise by .25% - .5%.
- Real estate is highly interest rate-sensitive.
 - FFR has knock-on effects throughout the economy, affecting mortgage rates.
- Potential for rate hike sooner according to some Fed officials.
- Key economic data suggests rate hike will likely be on the high end.

KEY HOUSING FACTORS:

Written by **Liam Cosgrove DRE**
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Owners of all assets, especially real estate, should be paying close attention to the upcoming FOMC meeting in March. While you may not be interested in listening to economist Jerome Powell speak, his decisions have a significant effect on mortgage rates and thus your property's value. I'll keep this update brief to be informative while staying out of the financial weeds.

Long story short, a board of seven people called the FOMC gets to decide what the Federal Funds Rate is. This is the interest rate at which commercial banks lend to one another on an overnight basis. Raising the FFR increases the operating costs for banks, causing them to raise rates for loans they make to the public, most importantly **mortgages**. As many of you know, when mortgage rates increase, housing prices decrease. I'll explain why it's looking likely that mortgage rates are going higher.

Economic Data the Fed is Watching

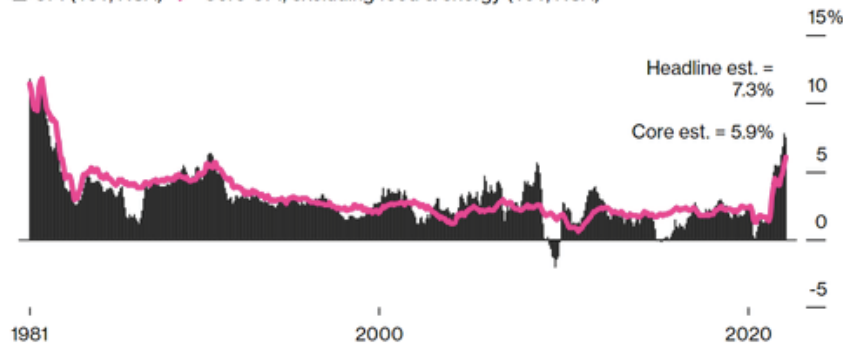
Essentially, the Federal Reserve considers three factors when determining monetary policy: **Inflation, Employment data, and COVID cases**. Let's look at these categories and see what they imply for the upcoming FOMC meeting:

Inflation recently saw the largest annual increase since 1982:

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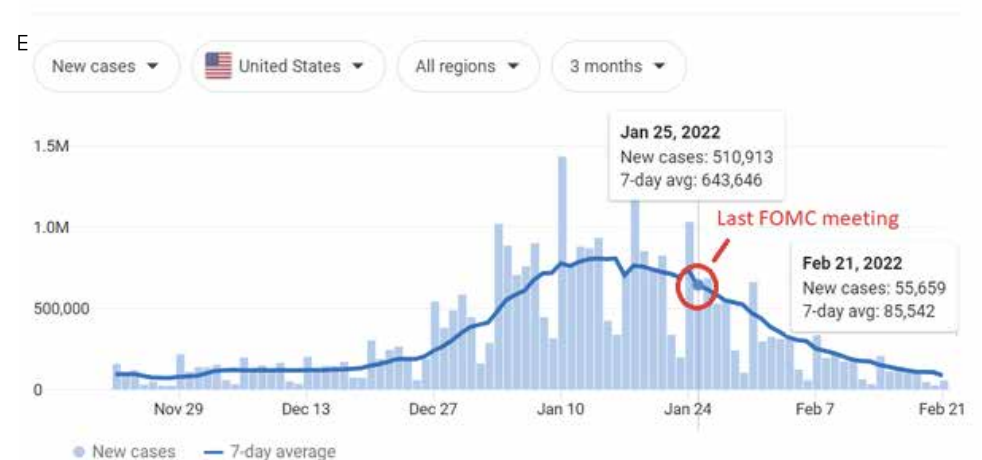
■ CPI (YoY, NSA) / Core CPI, excluding food & energy (YoY, NSA)



Employment data recently surprised to the upside as well. The data the FOMC was operating under during last month's meeting were substantial job gains in November (249,000) and December (199,000) of 2021. Well... not only were those upwardly revised by a combined total of 709,000 jobs, but on top of that Jan-22 shattered Wall Street's estimates and came in at 467,000, for a total increase of 1,176,000 jobs since the last FOMC meeting!

Both of these developments imply that the FOMC will have little justification in continuing its low interest rate policy. Lastly, COVID has diminished significantly in recent weeks. As you can see from the chart, the 7-day average decreased by almost 600,000 since the last FOMC meeting:

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We can safely cross COVID off the list of justifications for low interest rates as well. So the Fed will likely raise rates, what now? If I were a property owner, I would be looking to fill any vacancies now while prices are high. Please get in touch if you would like some help with your Marin or San Francisco properties, single or multi-family. We handle maintenance, accounting, & renovations.



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for meaningful civic participation.

"I believe my experience in both the academic and market sides of the art world will prove useful to the sometimes-challenging areas of heritage, public art and preservation," he said.

Aside from his work at Worthound, Gupta is the lead Asian-art consultant for art appraisal and advisory group Gurr Johns. He works with several other major art advisories, including the Winston Art Group, the Pergamon Art Group and Hobart Associates, according to his application.

He also provides expertise on authentication, provenance research and art-related legal matters and publishes articles on arts heritage and repatriation.

He is a former managing editor at the Aperture Foundation, a non-profit organization founded in 1952 by Ansel Adams, Minor White, Dorothea Lange and other notable photographers, to create a forum for fine-art photography, then considered an emerging fine-art form.

Born in Calcutta, India, Gupta moved to Boston with his parents when he as young, and grew up in Cambridge, Mass. He earned a bachelor's degree with honors in

Asian studies with a focus on art history from Amherst College in Massachusetts.

Gupta went on to study Asian art history at the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies. He earned a master's degree with honors at the University of Toronto and did postgraduate studies at the University of California at Berkeley, where his research ranged from late medieval Indian sculpture and Indian court painting to Chinese landscape painting and Himalayan Buddhist art. While at Berkeley, he helped develop educational programs involving Indian art at the Berkeley Art Museum.

While in law school at the University of Dayton in Ohio, he published law-review articles on Holocaust art restitution and on copyright infringement and appropriation in contemporary art, he said in a March 3 telephone interview. Ultimately, he decided he was not interested in practicing law, dedicating his 30-year career to publishing, art and art history.

In his free time, Gupta and his wife, Tiburon native Seneca Mumford Gupta, enjoy exploring the Marin outdoors with their 9-year-old son, Talin, and 7-year-old daughter, Indira, eating out at restaurants and spending time with their extended families, who live in the area.



Gupta



VIA TIBURON POLICE DEPARTMENT

A Toyota Prius that crashed into a guardrail near Blackie's Pasture is seen facing the wrong way on inbound Tiburon Boulevard. The driver was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving; no one was injured.

Woman arrested for suspected DUI after crashing into Tiburon Boulevard guardrail

A Mill Valley woman was arrested last week on suspicion of drunken driving after she hit an outbound Tiburon Boulevard guardrail, causing her car to careen into oncoming traffic before crashing into the opposite rail near Blackie's Pasture.

Victoria K. Welling, 38, was booked into Marin County Jail March 4 and released on bail; the Marin District Attorney's office is reviewing the case for potential charges.

About 1 a.m. March 4, the Tiburon Police Department received a report that someone had crashed an orange Toyota Prius into a guardrail near the intersection of Tiburon and Trestle Glen boulevards. The caller said they saw a woman trying to get out of the car but that they didn't know if she was hurt.

Officers arrived at the scene, and found the vehicle facing the wrong direction in the inbound lane with significant damage to

the front bumper and on both sides of the car. They determined the driver, identified at the scene as Welling, wasn't in need of medical attention but showed objective signs of intoxication.

They performed several field sobriety tests, which Welling allegedly failed. Her blood was drawn at county jail, but the alcohol concentration was not available at The Ark's press time.

—Shayne Jones

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Speed racers

Tiburon Cub Scout Pack 48 held its annual Pinewood Derby race March 1 in Kimball Hall at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Belvedere. All together, 50 pack members or their siblings competed. Eli Etemad, James Malloy and Kiana Cervantes, who finished first, second and third, respectively, in the Bears den races, also were the three fastest overall in the pack. The top winners within each den were kindergarten Sebastian Neis, Lions; first-grader William Deimer, Tigers; second-grader Milton Lee, Wolves; third-grader Eli Etemad, Bears; fourth-grader Ryan Knowles, Webelos I; fifth-grader Henry Stiteler, Webelos II; and sibling-category entrant Willow Raveche.

VIA JANE STITELER

Price for Bus Challenge passes to remain at \$315 for 2022-2023

The price for one-way school-bus passes purchased through the Yellow Bus Challenge program will hold steady at \$315 for the 2022-2023 school year.

The board of directors for the Tiburon Peninsula Traffic Relief Joint Powers Agency, which runs the program, voted unanimously at its March 3 meeting to keep the prices the same as the current year in hopes it will encourage Reed Union School District parents to put their children on the bus.

Agency officials have indicated passes could go on sale in mid-April, depending on how early routes and schedules are firmed up.

The Yellow Bus program, launched ahead of the 2015-2016 school year, offers school-bus passes at a discount to get cars off Tiburon Boulevard during peak travel hours and reduce traffic congestion. About half of the program is funded through the sale of passes, while the remaining cost is covered by the cities of Belvedere, Tiburon and Corte Madera, as well as grants from the Transportation Authority of Marin and local community foundations.

The price of a one-way pass was last raised ahead of the 2019-2020 school year, to \$315

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GO-GETTERS

Bel Aire student honored as troop's Cub Scout of Year

Tiburon Cub Scouts Pack 48 named **Dominic Etchevers** as its 2021 Scout of the Year. Dominic, a 10-year-old fifth-grader at Bel

Aire Elementary School, is the son of Dan and Jessica Etchevers of Tiburon. His den leader, Jane Stiteler, said Dominic was recognized for serving as a role model for younger scouts, completing his achievements, coming prepared and encouraging his fellow scouts to do their best. His interests are

kayaking, paddleboarding, fishing, building, baseball and parkour.

—Deidre McCrohan

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In top form

Residents Pascale and Bruce Powell descend a staircase on the newly repaired and reopened Moitoza Lane, a historic footpath in Old Tiburon. The 740-foot stretch of stairs and unpaved walkways connecting Vistazo West and Ezperana streets was recently given a \$50,000 upgrade, with workers replacing rotted wood ties and sanding handrails along two sets of stairways serving the upper end of the lane — one fork that connects Moitoza to Raccoon Lane and another that climbs the steeper terrain to Vistas West. A bicycle runnel was also installed to allow cyclists to roll the bikes alongside instead of having to carry them as they descend the stairs. Along the length of the lane not covered by stairs, crews removed vegetation and filled in the ruts in the dirt path, which ranges from 4 feet to 6 feet wide. Signs have been placed at the entrances to make it clear the trail is public. Moitoza Lane is believed to date to the 1890s; the path is named for the late Elvera 'Vera' Moitoza, who owned the property adjacent to Old St. Hilary between Esperanza and Raccoon for 73 years.

— Deirdre McCrohan



ELLIOT KARLAN / FOR THE ARK

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from \$300. However, service was suspended in early 2020 as the state and county issued its initial pandemic-related stay-at-home orders. That year, the program offered partial refunds to pass holders, though parents

had the option of donating that money to the program.

The program didn't operate in the 2020-2021 school year even as students returned to campus, as officials determined providing transportation wasn't feasible with many pandemic-related restrictions in place.

Buses returned to the road in August to

start the current school year, though a driver shortage forced the program to consolidate its typical 12 morning and 12 afternoon routes servicing the Reed district to eight each.

For more information and to purchase passes when they go on sale, visit bus-challenge.org.

— Deirdre McCrohan

Rotary clubs seek childrens' books for Global Book Exchange

The Global Book Exchange in Terra Linda, a nonprofit founded by Marilyn Nemzer of Tiburon, is seeking new or gently used children's books.

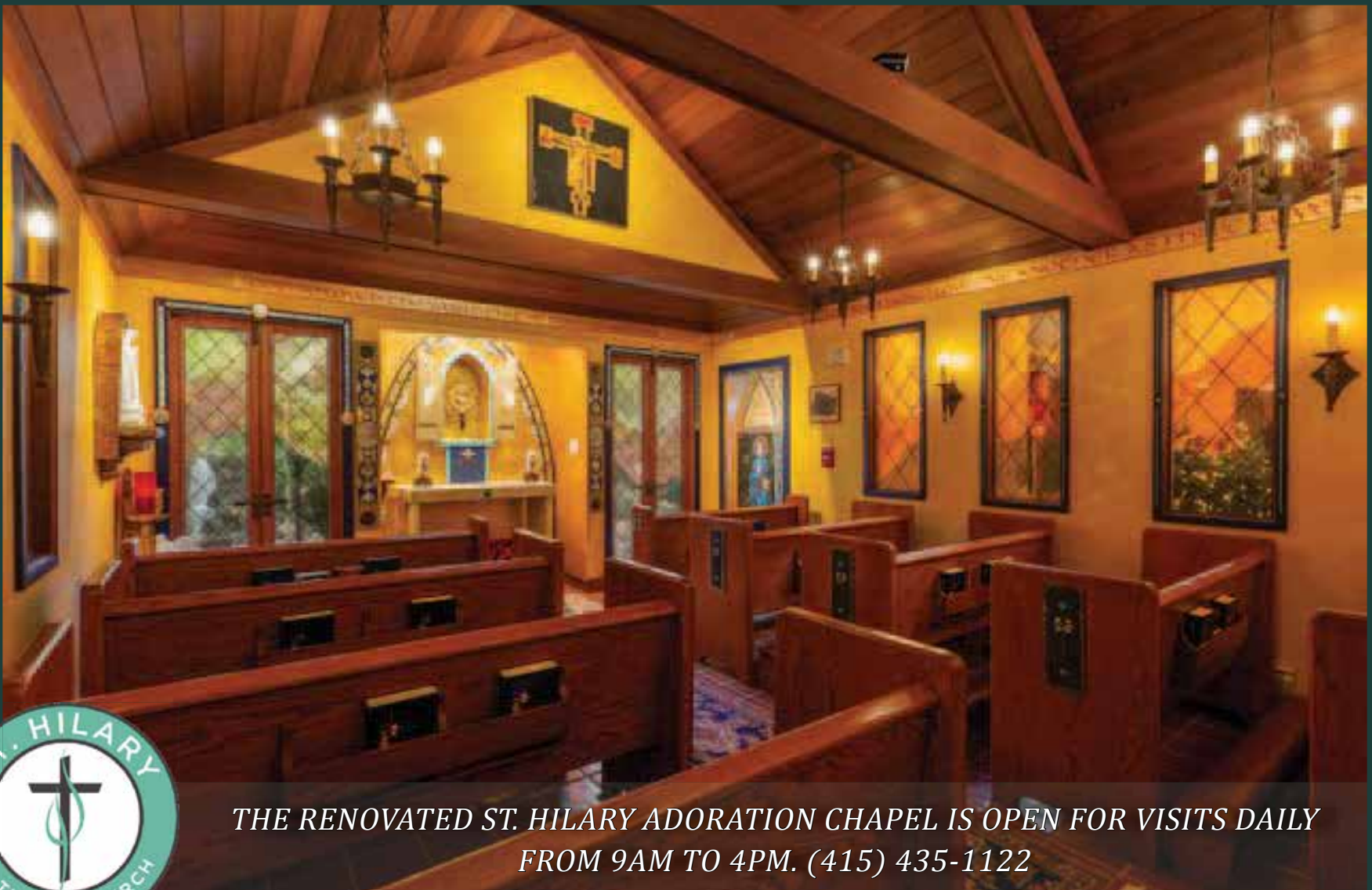
Nemzer is a member of the Rotary Club of Tiburon Sunset, which alongside the Rotary Club of Tiburon-Belvedere is hosting a book drive benefiting the exchange. It hosts field trips for students in low-income neighborhoods so they can pick out books to take home. Some 1,000 kids have taken out about 10,000 books just this year, Nemzer says.

The organization is especially in need of nonfiction children's books for students in grades K-3. Over the summer, hundreds of underserved youth from San Rafael's Canal neighborhood and Marin City's Bayside Martin Luther King Jr. Academy will take field trips to the book exchange's warehouse to pick out books to take home and keep.

Books may be dropped off at Cindy's Hair Studio, 1640 Tiburon Blvd., in downtown Tiburon; for a list of suggested titles, visit telli.com/rotary. Those who would like to volunteer at the exchange may email bookexchangemarin@gmail.com.

For more about the exchange, visit bookexchangemarin.org.

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Candidates have until Friday to file for county, state and federal races

The candidate filing period for local, state and federal offices on the ballot in the June 7 primary continues through March 11.

While there are no contests local to the Tiburon Peninsula, Judge Geoffrey Howard of Tiburon has taken out papers to retain his seat on the Marin Superior Court. County offices up for election include Superior Court judges 1-6 — Howard is office No. 5 — as well as district attorney, sheriff-coroner, assessor/recorder/clerk and superintendent of schools.

Residents are also eligible to enter the federal and state races for U.S. senator, U.S. representative, state senator, state assembly, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, controller, treasurer, board of equalization, insurance commissioner, attorney general and superintendent of public instruction.

California uses a top-two primary system. For partisan offices, the top two primary finishers, regardless of party, will advance to a head-to-head runoff in the general election. For

nonpartisan offices — state superintendent of public instruction and all the county and judicial offices — a candidate winning a majority of the vote will win outright; otherwise, the top-two vote-getters advance to November's head-to-head.

The deadline to file nomination papers is 5 p.m. March 11 for most races. In contests where incumbent officeholders don't file by March 11, the deadline for challengers will be extended to March 16.

Candidate application forms and guides are available at marinvotes.org. Candidates may pick up printed nomination papers and file their papers at the Marin County Elections Department, in Suite 121 of the Marin County Civic Center in San Rafael. The office is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on the filing-deadline day, March 11.

For details about offices, terms and qualifications, call Dan Miller of the Marin Elections Office's Candidate Services unit, at 415-473-6437.

— Deirdre McCrohan

POLICE & FIRE REPORTS Feb. 23-March 1

Tiburon police log

Stay in your lane: 2:40 p.m. Feb. 23, a Blackie's Pasture caller reported a Prius was weaving in and out of traffic on inbound Tiburon Boulevard, driving toward oncoming traffic at times. Officers were unable to locate the car.

Messy shave: 8:09 p.m. Feb. 23, a Main Street caller reported two teenage boys had sprayed shaving cream all over the bathroom at The Lodge at Tiburon. An officer spoke to the hotel manager, who said there was no permanent damage done to the property and declined to press charges. The boys' parents were contacted, and they were advised they were no longer welcome at the hotel.

From here to there: 1:28 p.m. Feb. 24, a Sugarloaf Drive caller reported a car with tinted windows would park in various spots in the neighborhood for an hour at a time and then move again. The caller said they thought it was weird and maybe the driver was casing the area. The car was gone by the time officers arrived.

Early edition: 8:46 p.m. Feb. 24, a Corte Palos Verdes caller reported a car driving by their house about 4:30 every morning. They thought it could be a newspaper delivery person, but they weren't sure. An officer noted they would continue extra patrols in the area and attempt to contact the driver the next time the car drove by.

disaster preparedness tip

Trim back your vegetation and remove flammable plants from your yard, then have them hauled away for free at an upcoming free chipper day. For more information, visit arkn.ws/chipperdays2022. — Laurie Nilsen, Tiburon-Belvedere emergency services coordinator. Get more tips and training at getready94920.org.

Liquor run: 11:54 a.m. Feb. 25, a Blackfield Drive caller reported someone had stolen \$2,000 worth of alcohol from a store the day before. The caller noted they had security footage of the man leaving in a car. A report was taken.

Supervised fun: 10:11 p.m. Feb. 26, a Mercury Avenue caller reported a loud party in the area with music and people yelling. An officer spoke with the homeowner, who said her daughter's party was wrapping up and they would keep the noise down.

Beer break: 2:11 p.m. Feb. 28, a Janet Way caller reported a man was sitting drinking beer. An officer spoke to the man, who said he was waiting for his girlfriend but would leave the area.

Belvedere police log

Hate mail: 8:01 a.m. Feb. 24, a resident entered the police station to show officers a package she received with a hate message in it. An officer

noted the woman did not want to provide the address where she received the mail. Advice was given.

Sheriff's log: Tiburon Peninsula

Troublemaker: 9:23 a.m. Feb. 23, a Weatherly Drive caller reported receiving a call from someone who told them their daughter was in trouble and they needed to wire money to save her. The caller said they'd sent \$7,000. The call was likely a scam. A report was taken.

Inspector gadget: 1:34 p.m. Feb. 24, a Meda Lane caller reported a man had been walking around the neighborhood with a metal detector and was now sitting in his car across from the caller's house, which the caller found suspicious. Deputies determined the man was a home inspector assessing a property for an insurance company.

Branching out: 10:19 a.m. Feb. 25, a Richardson Drive caller reported their neighbor was using a tree-trimmer, and the branches were falling into their yard. The caller said one of the branches had nearly fallen on their dog. Advice was given.

Big spender: 3:01 p.m. Feb. 26, a Strawberry Village Shopping Center caller reported someone made a \$7,000 fraudulent purchase from a

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store. A report was taken.

Cited: 8:22 p.m. Feb. 26, deputies conducted a traffic stop of a car driving on Tiburon Boulevard and East Strawberry Drive for alleged vehicle-code violations. The driver was cited for misuse of vehicle registration, driving with a revoked license and receiving stolen property. A report was taken.

Party animals: 8:35 p.m. Feb. 26, a Paradise Drive caller reported a loud party with 50-100 kids. Deputies spoke to the owner of the home, who was out of town and said the nanny would come back to the house and shut down the party. Later that night, the nanny called saying she was having trouble getting the guests to leave, and the homeowner's son noted some of the kids were getting "threatening." Deputies broke up the party.

Anger issues: 4:12 p.m. Feb. 28, a Reed Boulevard caller reported a man at a bus stop was screaming obscenities and yelling, "Grab your guns, I'm waiting for you." Deputies determined the man was not a threat and was just waiting for the bus.

Still at it: 5:29 p.m. Feb. 28, a Blackfield Drive caller reported a man was yelling at passersby, and a store manager was trying to get him to leave. Upon arrival, officers

noted the man was walking away toward the beach. They spoke to the store manager, who said the man hadn't been violent; he had just been loud and irate. No further action was taken.

Slow and steady: 8:58 p.m. March 1, a Lyford Drive caller reported a car was driving slowly up a hill and noted she'd seen the same car a month earlier. Officers were unable to locate the vehicle but took down the license plate from the caller to keep on record. No further action was taken.

Light show: 9:49 p.m. March 1, a North Knoll Road caller reported a bright light was shining into their window and wanted deputies to help them move it, but then they noted it had turned off. The caller called again saying the light was back on. Upon arrival, a deputy noted the light was off again and they were unable to locate the source. Later that night, the caller called back saying the light kept going on and off. The deputy noted they got no answer on a call back.

Public garage: 9:55 p.m. March 1, a Spring Drive caller reported two people had opened and tried to enter his garage. The caller noted the pair could have had a garage code or opener, but he hadn't seen anyone go inside; he only saw his outside lights come on and a pickup truck drive down the street. Deputies noted the garage was only partially open, and there was no loss or damage to the property.

Tiburon fire district log

Wired: 1:48 p.m. March 1, personnel responded to Tiburon Boulevard for a report of wires down in the area. Crews found cable lines in a driveway and determined they weren't entangled with any power lines. The lines were moved to the side of the road, and all units were cleared from the scene.

Southern Marin fire district log

Warm to the touch: 5:54 a.m. Feb. 25, personnel responded to North Knoll Road for a requested electrical check. Crews noted the resident said the wall in her apartments gets warm when the heater is on and was concerned the fumes were escaping into the wall. Crews used a thermal imaging camera to show the resident where the heater exhaust was in the wall and that the heater was working properly. All units were cleared from the scene.

Exhausted: 2:26 p.m. Feb. 25, personnel responded to Belvedere Drive for a report of a car fire. Crews determined the smoke coming from the vehicle was normal exhaust. All units were cleared from the scene.

Compiled from public records by Shayne Jones. Items do not reflect all activity and should not be construed as findings of guilt.

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gasping and giving me a big hug. That's the absolute best feeling you can get when metal detecting."

Peters says finding someone's lost belonging is a lot like being a detective. She gathers information, including the identifying characteristics of an item, such as the engraving or special design of a ring or bracelet, and tries to pinpoint when it went missing and what the person was doing when they lost it. She creates a square grid roughly 20-30 yards long and wide and begins her search.

Originally from Indiana, Peters grew up exploring her backyard like it was a treasure trove waiting to be unearthed. Her father gifted her his mother's metal detector when she was a kid and showed her how to use it by waving it in a windshield-wiper motion and listening for the beeping to intensify, signaling a find. It was in her backyard that she found her first Mercury dime, an early 20th-century coin that can be worth thousands of dollars today, depending on its condition.

After that, Peters says, she was hooked. When she moved to Miami in 2017 and began metal detecting there, Peters says people would come up to her often to ask what she was doing. She says most people were surprised that metal detecting hobbyists like her could actually locate a tiny ring in a mountain of sand, so she eventually realized she could provide a service.

She found Ringfinders, a membership-based database of metal-detector professionals all over the world who list

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their services for a fee. Peters says that was an easy way to get her name out there, but she eventually got the idea to start her own website.

In Miami, she says, she did a lot of snorkel recoveries, because tourists were always losing things in the warm Atlantic waters. In California, Peters will occasionally wade knee-deep to search, but most of her time now is spent on land.

Sometimes finding something is as easy as someone pointing to a spot in the sand and her immediately detecting that something's there. Other times, it's not so simple.

In one instance, Peters says, a woman lost a valuable ring while she was partying on the beach with friends and couldn't remember anything about where she'd lost it. Peters searched with no luck, only finding aluminum pop-tabs from beer cans and other trash. Peters was just about to call off the search when she detected the item.

"Sometimes when I'm almost ready to give up, I'll just push it a little bit longer, as long as I can, and sometimes it works in my favor," Peters says.

She says the tricky thing about metal detecting is that aluminum — which is one of the most common metals she finds — can sound a lot like a gold ring based on the way the detector registers its ferocity and conductivity. For example, a 14-carat gold ring is a combination of various metals that will show up in the same range as aluminum, so it's tricky to decipher the two when you're not sure what's under the surface, Peters says. When you get closer to pure gold, it



ELLIOT KARLAN / FOR THE ARK

Tiburon resident Laura Peters, a metal detectorist who founded GeekyBeach to help people recover lost items, holds a tray of objects she's found, including coins, old shotgun shells, keys and a \$34,000 diamond ring.

gets easier to distinguish, but alloys can be tricky.

Because trash is so common on beaches, that's primarily what Peters finds. On a typical day, she'll find coins, keys, fishing gear, aluminum cans and, somewhat surprisingly, Hot Wheels racecars.

"I don't know why that's a popular on-the-beach toy, but it really is," she says.

Every once in a while, more unusual items will pop up, like cellphones, jewelry, sunglasses or watches. One time, Peters says, she found a full circular saw blade under the sand.

"You have to find a lot of trash before you end up finding the treasure," Peters says.

In the saltwater, things tend to get destroyed pretty easily; once, Peters found a Swiss Army knife with metal so flaky it looked like baklava. Precious metals tend to fare a little better.

Peters notes she likes to trade tips and tricks with other metal-detector hobbyists and talk about recent finds. She founded the San Francisco Bay Area Metal Detecting Club, which had its first meeting in late February; she says the group hopes to begin taking on bigger group searches.

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Right now, Peters says she's really curious about the history of the Tiburon Trestle, a once-750-foot redwood structure near Blackie's Pasture people used to scramble across to catch the train in the early 1900s. She says she wants to collaborate with the Railroad and Ferry Depot Museum to see if there's a combined interest in finding things lost in that area from that time as people ran to board their ride.

"There's a lot of history potentially there that we could share back to the town by providing a historical look at things," Peters says, adding that having an organized club with standards, ethics and best practices would guarantee that the search is done right.

Peters also offers lessons to people who have an interest in metal detecting. She says a lot of parents use the lessons to introduce the hobby to their kids, as it can encourage curiosity and improve dexterity.

"Kids are like, 'Wow, there's stuff underground?'" Peters says.

Peters says she also metal detects to blow off steam. She says her favorite thing about the hobby is just getting in the zone, headphones on, paying close attention to exactly where she is and not knowing what she'll find until she digs it up.

"It's that surprise that keeps you coming back," Peters says.

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recommending masks indoors at K-12 schools and child-care settings.

The policy, which goes into effect at 5 p.m. March 11, paves the way for students and teachers to go maskless in the classroom the following Monday, March 14, for the first time since Marin joined other Bay Area counties to issue the nation's first pandemic stay-at-home order nearly two years ago.

Gov. Gavin Newsom announced the school masking change Feb. 28, citing declining COVID-19 case rates and hospitalizations statewide. In Marin, the average number of daily cases has fallen by nearly 96 percent, to 24 on March 4, since the omicron-fueled winter surge peaked at 589.6 on Jan. 8, while hospitalizations dropped to six from the Jan.

3 peak of 39.

Marin Public Health on March 3 confirmed it would align with the state guidance and drop its indoor mask mandate in schools, though it reiterated masks are still strongly recommended for the time being "to keep an added layer of protection and minimize disruptions to in-person learning" — particularly as it confirmed another case of multisystem inflammatory syndrome the prior week in an unvaccinated child.

The state's change is just the latest in recent weeks after California public-health officials dropped the general indoor-masking mandate for unvaccinated people effective March 1 and previously for vaccinated people on Feb. 16, meaning masks are now only recommended but not required for anyone in nearly all indoor public places.

Individual school districts, businesses

and other agencies can continue to implement guidelines that are more restrictive than the state and county rules.

Federal face-covering requirements still apply nationwide in high-risk indoor settings, such as on public transportation and in hospitals and congregate living facilities, with no changes on the horizon. But the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Feb. 25 relaxed guidelines strongly recommending masking indoors for most of the country, while President Joe Biden in his State of the Union address on March 2 announced a new national preparedness framework that includes more free home-testing kits and free antivirals for those who test positive at pharmacies.

At the Reed district, McGrath said in a March 1 interview she hasn't had substantive feedback from parents on the masking

issue. She noted the district has been clear since the pandemic began that it would be taking its cues from the experts and aligning with public-health guidance as it evolves.

As of March 2, the district had just two active cases of COVID-19 among students, one each at Bel Aire Elementary School and Del Mar Middle School, and no active cases among staff. It's seen 72 cumulative cases among students and 28 among staff this school year, most amid the omicron surge that was peaking as schools reopened in January after winter break.

While all schoolchildren ages 5 and older may be vaccinated, Marin Public Health says equity remains an issue. While 92 percent of all eligible residents are fully vaccinated, just 71 percent of children ages 5-11

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ends nearly three years of litigation between the parties. The settlement was reached late last year, and a judge officially dismissed the suit in December.

"It was a hard-fought, protracted and expensive lawsuit for all parties, and the district felt that they wanted to move forward with their current general manager and put this lawsuit behind them," said attorney Peter Glaessner, who represented the district.

Kreuzer did not return a text message seeking comment on the settlement; her lawyer, Kirk Freeman, also declined to comment, other than to say the suit "was settled to (Kreuzer's) satisfaction."

In the suit, filed in July 2019 after the district's board of directors chose not to renew her one-year contract, Kreuzer said she was the target of gender discrimination and harassment from at least three current board members during her 10 years on the job. The suit alleged the board declined to renew her contract as retaliation for Kreuzer complaining to board members and Marin County counsel about the district's "disparate, sexist, hostile and harassing working environment," including frequent sexist and critical comments from board member Jeff Francis and multiple instances of Francis, board Chair Pam Bohner and board Vice Chair Cale Nichols violating state law by strategizing about board business outside of public meetings.

Kreuzer additionally alleged board

members failed to complete required ethics and harassment training; initiated a "whisper campaign" aimed at disparaging her; and pressured her to return to work sooner than her doctor had recommended while she was on authorized medical leave following knee surgery.

Along with the district, Bohner, Francis and Nichols were named as defendants in the suit, in which Kreuzer sought unspecified damages.

After the suit was filed, Bohner declined to comment on the allegations, saying only that she was confident "the truth will come out." Francis called Kreuzer's allegations "inaccurate and slanderous."

Bohner said the board declined to renew Kreuzer's contract because it wanted "to go in a different direction." It subsequently hired Tiburon resident Nancy Shapiro to serve as interim manager and made the title permanent in April 2020.

The parties unsuccessfully attempted mediation after the suit was initially filed. The recreation district then attempted to get the suit dismissed outright, but its request for a summary judgment on Kreuzer's claim of economic damages was denied in May by Judge Andrew Sweet.

Pertinent to his ruling, Sweet said, was not only what occurred during Kreuzer's tenure with the recreation district but how those events subsequently impacted her career.

After being let go from the Strawberry district, where she was making an annual salary of about \$130,700, Kreuzer in July 2019 took a job as the interim aquatic supervisor with the city of Mill Valley at an

annual salary of \$80,000. She then moved on in December of that year to a general manager position with the Marin City Community Services District that paid \$130,000 a year. That job ended just four months later, in April 2020; Kreuzer alleges her termination came after she refused to hire a board member's son to run the district's youth recreation programs, a move she said was against district policy, and after she reported board members to county and Marin City counsel for refusing to complete required ethics and harassment training.

Kreuzer subsequently "actively" sought out employment around the Bay Area without success, according to court documents.

In the Strawberry lawsuit, Sweet said the recreation district had to prove two things to win dismissal: that Kreuzer's job with Marin City was comparable and not inferior to her position with the Strawberry Recreation District and that her termination from the Marin City district was for good cause and not due to a "chain of causation" stemming from her termination from the Strawberry district.

Sweet determined Kreuzer had presented evidence worth examining at trial as to whether the two jobs were comparable. Kreuzer alleged she took the job with the Marin City district because the salary was close to what she was making with the Strawberry district but that she knew the position would likely be unstable; she noted the Marin City district had seven general managers in a period of four years prior to hiring her. She said she also took the job because she knew

she would be unable to continue on with her job at the city of Mill Valley, as it required a lifeguard certification she was unable to obtain due to medical issues.

Additionally, Sweet said, the Strawberry Recreation District failed to present evidence showing Kreuzer's termination from the Marin City district was for good cause or resulted from her own misconduct.

Sweet noted there were various theories about why Marin City may have terminated Kreuzer's employment, but no single theory was conclusive based on the limited facts available.

"Therefore, whether 'good cause' existed for (the) plaintiff's termination from Marin City remains a question of fact for a jury," Sweet said in his ruling.

A mandatory settlement conference was scheduled for this month, with the trial slated to begin in April. However, the two parties entered into another mediation last July, producing a settlement after several months of negotiations, Glaessner said.

The agreement notes that the district, Bohner, Francis and Nichols continue to deny all allegations against them.

"The board members did nothing wrong here," Glaessner said. "They did their jobs. Jeff Francis didn't harass her, and the other board members didn't harass her. They were doing their duty to manage her as the general manager."

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are. Further, just 52 percent of Hispanic and 24 percent of Black children have had at least one dose. The county says it's increasing neighborhood pop-up clinics and working with community agencies to increase education, vaccination and testing.

McGrath said the Reed district continues to have a supply of rapid at-home COVID tests on hand for staff and students as needed. The district also continues to participate in the state's PCR pool-testing program, in which certain classes at Reed and Bel Aire elementary schools are swabbed weekly in an effort to catch asymptomatic COVID-19 cases and limit spread, though McGrath said she wasn't sure if the district would continue that program through the end of the school year.

"I think we'll just have to keep an eye on the case rates, see where the virus goes next and just make a determination as we go," she said.

McGrath isn't the only one leaving the door open to new mandates, particularly as a highly transmissible "stealth" omicron subvariant is taking a foothold in the U.S.

at the same time mitigation measures are being relaxed.

California on Feb. 17 became the first state to begin treating the coronavirus as endemic by announcing it would further ease mandates and launch its "smarter" framework — shots, masks, awareness, readiness, testing, education and Rx, or treatment — which includes stockpiling 75 million masks, increasing to 200,000 daily vaccinations and 500,000 daily tests, monitoring wastewater for outbreak hot spots and bringing in contract medical workers to surge areas.

But in announcing the end to the school-masking order last week, California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly described "onramps" for more mandates depending on hospitalization, test-positivity and community-transmission rates, though no specific thresholds to trigger such mandates were indicated.

Marin Public Health Officer Dr. Matt Willis was more specific in December when he said that five residents per 100,000 people in county hospitals, or roughly 13 total COVID-19 hospitalizations at a given time, would trigger new masking rules in Marin.

And in revising its own guidance Feb. 25, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control

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— Kimberly McGrath, Reed Union School District superintendent

and Prevention now ranks counties at low, medium or high risk based on transmission and hospitalizations. Marin is among only a handful of counties in California and nationwide to earn a "low" risk score over the prior seven days, with an average of fewer than 200 new cases per 100,000 residents, a total of fewer than 10 new hospital admissions per 100,000 residents and an average of less than 10 percent of beds occupied by a COVID-19 patient.

The CDC dropped its universal indoor-masking recommendation for low- and medium-risk counties, keeping it only for those of high risk — 20 or more new hospitalizations per 100,000 residents and 15-percent or more beds filled by COVID-19 patients over a week. That includes 11

counties in California, none in the Bay Area.

Despite Biden's reluctance in his State of the Union speech to join Newsom in calling the coronavirus endemic, the White House's new 96-page National COVID-19 Preparedness Plan also appears to signal a new phase in its approach to the virus.

The cornerstone "test and treat" plan includes the distribution of free antivirals like Pfizer's Paxlovid and Merck's molnupiravir for those who test positive at pharmacies, including at CVS, with some 2.3 million doses shipped to date. More free self-testing kits are also expected to be available to order this week from covidtests.gov.

The national plan also calls for funding to increase vaccine production to 1 billion doses per year, development of a vaccine that would protect against future variants and research capacity to spot variants quickly, research into understanding long COVID and the stockpiling of testing, treatments and protective equipment.

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designed to remove the town from direct involvement in enforcement, leaving it to private homeowners instead.

In May 2017, the council slightly modified the ordinance to remove requirements for binding arbitration and to streamline the remedies process.

In recent weeks, the town received emails from residents, most from the Reedlands neighborhood, requesting the council urgently consider revisions to the ordinance, which they said was unfair to tree owners.

Suggested revisions would change the section of the rules regarding tree claims. Currently, if mediation fails or is rejected by the tree owner, the complaining party must prepare a tree claim to pursue litigation. That claim must include a description of the alleged obstruction and evidence that initial

reconciliation and mediation efforts have failed, among other things.

The residents suggesting the changes want the tree claim to be made by the complaining party after reconciliation fails but at least 90 days in advance of making a demand for mediation. That so-called "safe harbor" period is intended to give the tree owner sufficient time to take appropriate corrective action or prepare for mediation so the process has the "highest likelihood of success."

Also under the suggested changes, any complaining party who fails to comply with the tree-claims preparation requirements would be responsible for paying the "reasonable expenses and attorney fees" incurred by the tree owner in obtaining compliance.

Residents had proposed the changes be considered as an urgency matter — which skips the otherwise mandatory 30-day protest period after an ordinance is enacted

in other action

In other action at the Town Council's March 2 meeting, the council voted 4-1, with Alice Fredericks dissenting, to approve a resolution giving the council the option to interview the top three candidates when the town is recruiting department heads. The new policy applies regardless of whether the town is recruiting from outside or promoting from within. Though the council in January voted unanimously to tentatively approve the ordinance, Fredericks dissented on the final approval, saying she didn't feel it was necessary for the council to have the option to interview department-head finalists who were being promoted from within.

— but that process is reserved for matters that relate to a need for immediate action related to public health and safety, Town Attorney Ben Stock said.

However, at the March 2 meeting, residents Wendy and Robert Walley said they

consider the matter urgent. Robert Walley said the couple is being forced into mediation over trees on their property by a neighbor who they assert hasn't even said what he wants done.

Darryl DeVinney, a 27-year resident of Tiburon, was also in favor of the 90-day "safe harbor" change.

"The current ordinance seems to rush the process to mediation," he said. "Having gone through the process of removing 14 trees from my property, if I was trying to deal with a tree claim, I would have been well out of time."

DeVinney said he thought the matter should be decided after getting broader input.

Reedlands resident Lalita Waterman, who is also the neighborhood's homeowner association president, spoke in favor of proposed changes and assisted in drafting

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recommendation will be forwarded to the Marin Community Development Department, which has final say.

Osher Marin currently has two preschools for kids ages 2-5: one at its main property on San Pedro Road in San Rafael and the other at Congregation Kol Shofar, 215 Blackfield Drive in Tiburon. The preschool has occupied space at Kol Shofar for 15 years.

Judy Wolff-Bolton, the CEO for the community center, said the move was prompted in part because the school has “outlived” its current site and in part because Kol Shofar plans to open up its own preschool, The Grove School, at the synagogue beginning in August.

“That created an opportunity for us to look for a more convenient and better space that meets the needs of the organization,” she said.

The organization landed on the 6,227-square-foot building at 36 Tiburon Blvd. that was previously occupied by Coldwell Banker. However, Wolff-Bolton said, the space won’t be ready for students by the start of the 2022-2023 school year in August, according to estimates she’s received from contractors. She said families who currently attend the Tiburon preschool will be given the option to attend the San Rafael location until the Strawberry location is open, which

she said she hopes will be by the middle of the school year.

The existing building has a kitchen, bathrooms and space for four classrooms, indoor play areas and offices. Wolff-Bolton said there would be modest interior changes to the building, and the school plans to add a fenced-in outdoor playground in the western corner of the lot, behind the building.

According to the use permit, the school would serve up to 56 students with 15 staff members. It would operate from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., with most students on site from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and after-care offered 2-3 p.m.

Student arrivals and departures would be staggered in four 15-minute intervals at the beginning and end of each day in an effort to mitigate traffic. The site currently has 28 parking spots, many of which are located underneath the building, but the preschool would remove 10 of those to accommodate an on-site pick-up and drop-off loop for parents. Cars would be expected to access the school by turning onto Knoll Lane from Reed Boulevard, turning left again onto South Knoll Road and then turning left into the school lot.

Removing the parking spaces would allow room for up to eight cars to queue up at a time on-site at before exiting the property by turning right onto South Knoll Road.

Project officials said they don’t expect any cars to need to queue up on the street during

pick up or drop off, given the staggered 15-minute arrival and departure times.

“Any stacking that might happen is all on the property,” said Carl Weissensee, who owns the building and the lot.

The preschool will still meet the county’s parking requirements with its 18 remaining spots, which include 17 on the property and one van-accessible spot at 10 South Knoll Road.

However, resident David Crouzet said he had some concerns about traffic flow in the area. He owns 25 and 27 Knoll Lane, which sit on the same property just south of 36 Tiburon Blvd. The latter, 27 Knoll Lane, sits farther back on the property adjacent to the proposed playground.

Crouzet said he was supportive of the preschool moving in and of the location of the playground. He noted that space is currently often occupied by teenagers who loiter at night, and their cars’ headlights shine on to Crouzet’s property.

“It would be great to have a playground and have that area fenced off,” he said.

However, he pointed out Knoll Lane is narrow, ostensibly functioning as a one-way road when cars are parked on the side of the street, and there are no sidewalks. He asked if any safety improvements could be made to the street, such as speed bumps, and asked that student drop-off and pick-up be organized to avoid backups onto the surrounding streets.

Weissensee noted the preschool did consider having cars access South Knoll Lane from Tiburon Boulevard but determined that main thoroughfare is already too packed with cars, raising its own issues.

“It was better to keep the traffic in a calm, slower area than the desperation of getting off Tiburon Boulevard and making a right-hand turn (onto South Knoll),” he said.

He pointed out that the section of South Knoll leading up to the proposed site is the widest section of the street, meaning there should be adequate room for the school’s pick-up and drop-off plan to work.

Jon Welner, Tiburon’s mayor and the board president of Osher Marin, said the staggered arrivals and departures should keep school traffic light, noting that even within a particular 15-minute pick-up or drop-off window, parents aren’t all arriving at the same time.

He also said the school would be responsive to neighbor concerns.

“We have a plan we think will work, but we are completely dedicated to experimenting with better solutions as we go forward,” he said.

Design Review Board member Matt Williams said he was also concerned about using a narrow residential street as the main access point to the school, but he noted that any street-safety improvements would

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the wording of the suggested changes included in the council packet.

However, several other locals said they opposed instituting the 90-day period, including Karen Rasmussen. She said there is a limited window during which trees can be trimmed, and such a delay could push a property owner out of that window and into the following year.

Resident Jim Snipes said it makes sense for the complaining neighbor in a tree dispute to present the tree claim before demanding mediation, but he too opposed the 90-day cooling-off period.

“It means an uncooperative tree owner could delay the process indefinitely,” he said. “This is a penalty in search of a problem.”

He called the neighbors’ proposal to be granted attorney fees an overreach.

David Barker, a resident of the Hill Haven neighborhood, also urged the town not to proceed with the proposed changes. He said it was a bad idea to set policy based on an isolated case.

The existing ordinance calls for a process that is long and cumbersome if a tree owner is uncooperative, he said, and the proposed changes will make it worse.

“Views are an important part of the value of homes in Tiburon,” Barker said. He said that any changes to the view-protection ordinance should be subject to broad review, with much opportunity for public input.

Geoff Baylor said the 90-day deferral would be “just continuing to poke in the eye those that have already lost a view.”

William Seaman, Charlie Rice and Karen Schuler Hill also spoke against the proposed changes.

Rice, who said he grew up in Tiburon, urged the council to “consider the holistic view.” Most of the time, he said, mediation comes after much dialogue.

“It is difficult enough to navigate what needs to be done without complicating it further,” Hill said.

Councilmember Alice Fredericks voiced support for the resolution recommending certain changes.

Mayor Jon Welner said that while there are legal and practical issues with intervening in a current conflict, he favored having the council review the ordinance.

“This ordinance has been on the books since 1991,” Welner said. “Our role as Town Council, given the amount of concern expressed by residents, is to look at the ordinance (and see) whether, after 31 years, it requires adjustment or we can leave it be.”

He said he agreed that someone who is making a complaint about a tree or other view obstruction should have to notify the tree owner that they have a complaint and what it

is before submitting a demand for mediation.

However, he said adding a 90-day safe-harbor provision was “excessive,” especially because mediation doesn’t happen right away, anyway.

He also opposed having the town “wade into the territory” of mandating the awarding of legal fees.

Councilmember Holli Thier said she was concerned at the amount of angst she was hearing residents express.

She suggested that the town’s Community Development Department offer an hour of free mediation to people involved in such disputes.

“Other cities do it,” she said.

She said she was troubled by fights between neighbors and wanted to help reduce that.

“If a tree owner has to hire an attorney, that’s escalating the conflict,” she said. “If we are going to do anything with respect to this, I would like to do something that helps neighbors come together.”

Welner pointed out that adding a town-sponsored program would be a significant budget item and wouldn’t just be a tweak to the ordinance.

“I have a feeling we’re not talking about an overhaul, but a small adjustment,” Welner said of possible changes to the ordinance. “The most important issue is the reconciliation period and the responsibility of the complainant to define the problem at the beginning and limit future claims to what is in the letter.”

Thier pressed her case for having the council look at a new program offering the services of a professional facilitator.

Welner and Fredericks said they couldn’t support that but were willing to include it in the discussion. Councilmember Noah Griffin also said he was willing to have that discussion.

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be under the purview of the county Department of Public Works.

“I think the idea of speed bumping Knoll Lane makes sense to me, but I don’t think we get a say about that,” he said.

Board President Joe Sherer agreed that the school was facing challenges “trying to get 56 kids in there, in an area that’s two

narrow streets and a super busy California interstate highway on the other boundary.”

“I think you’ve got your hands full to try to make that work both for you guys and the community,” he said, though he noted he didn’t think the neighborhood would be too adversely impacted as the preschool had been thoughtful about its plan.

The board was otherwise supportive of the preschool taking over the vacant space.

“I love the idea of this being in our

community,” said member Chad Sparks.

Member Julie Brown noted that under the preschool’s proposal, the site would be empty by 3:30 p.m., as opposed to the site being used until 5 p.m. or later as it would if occupied by a different business.

“This is actually a calming, so I think that’s really positive,” she said.

The board conditioned its recommendation of approval on the preschool ensuring the fence on the south side of the proposed

playground be no taller than 6 feet, the required height by the county, and that it be a solid material to help provide privacy between the preschool and Crouzet’s property. It also conditioned its approval on any future signage for the building conforming with county guidelines.

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we measured it to see how much it was leaking every hour,” he said.

He drained the pond and plugged all the outlets.

“Once I did that, the water still leaked, but way slower,” Velles said.

He followed the electrical conduit line for

the lights that shine on the sails at night, a line that feeds into the equipment vault on the street.

He put his smartphone into the vault with the camera recording and let it sit there a few minutes. Sure enough, the camera recorded a slow drip.

“It’s supposed to have a water-tight fitting, but after 15 years, wear is expected,” Velles said. The fitting was replaced and

sealant applied.

He found a second leak in one of the drain valves in the upper basin vault, which is underwater when the fountain basin is full.

The replacement ball valve, which they ordered off the shelf from a Terra Linda pool service, cost \$82.95.

“It was hard to get to, but pretty easy to install once we were in there,” Velles said. He applied two coats of sealant, and the fountain

was refilled with recycled water on March 3.

Velles said he knows having the fountain filled and running again will make people happy.

“Whenever I was down there, people kept coming up and asking me, ‘When will it be fixed?’” he said.

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Police Chief Ryan Monaghan said there’s currently no estimate on how long it will take to get the cameras up and running, as the town will need to work with different vendors to coordinate set up.

The town currently has six automated license-plate-reading cameras: a set of four on Tiburon Boulevard at Blackfield Drive and a set of two on Paradise Drive.

In early February, however, following a spate of residential burglaries that occurred from late December to early January, dozens

of residents of Cypress Hollow petitioned the town to expand the system to two streets in their neighborhood, saying the current gap in coverage leaves them vulnerable to crime.

They pointed specifically to the intersections of Bay Vista and Rancho drives and Bay Vista and Cypress Hollow drives, which run somewhat parallel to Tiburon Boulevard. They said criminals entering and exiting the peninsula can use their streets to do an end-run around the boulevard’s existing license-plate readers.

The Tiburon Police Department responded to the string of burglaries by increasing patrols in targeted neighborhoods and encouraging residents to take precautions

when out of town. However, Monaghan has told town officials the heightened response is likely not sustainable, as having officers work so much overtime is costly and eventually will lead to burnout. The department is currently down two officers and is actively recruiting to fill the positions.

“Putting these cameras up, as explained to us, is not a silver bullet, it won’t solve all our problems of crime, but it will help us close this important gap,” said Mayor Jon Welner. “We want to be as responsive as possible and give our police the best chance they have to eliminate this kind of crime.”

In previous discussions about expanding

the camera system, Councilmember Noah Griffin wondered if the focus should be on filling the existing vacancies in the Police Department before considering technological additions.

However, at the March 2 meeting, he said he had changed his mind based on the continuing conversations on the topic.

“If there are gaps in the ability to monitor license plates, we’d like to fill those up, because they can do nothing but make the town safer,” Griffin said.

Reach Tiburon reporter Deirdre McCrohan at 415-944-4634.

In Memoriam

Michael William Knepper

Michael William Knepper of Belvedere passed away from complications of advanced diabetes on November 3, 2020. Michael was born in Washington, D.C., on October 24, 1963, the youngest son of Virginia Doyle of Belvedere and William Knepper, a diplomat with the U. S. Department of State. Mike grew up in the Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Switzerland, and the U.S. He attended St. Albans School in Washington, D.C., where he was the center forward of the varsity soccer team. He received a BS from Brown University in 1986, where he was on the varsity track team, and an MBA from Columbia University in 1994. He worked in New York and San Francisco as a financial analyst and executive recruiter.

Mike and his former wife, Lisa Psyhojos, had two sons, Nicholas and Alexander. The boys grew up in Mill Valley, CA, and Westfield, N.J. Nick graduated from Sonoma State University and Alex graduated from University of San Francisco. Mike



and his sons enjoyed golf, ping-pong, chess, dominoes, exploring the Bay Area and rooting for the Redskins.

Mike was proud of his sons’ accomplishments. His oldest son, Nick, a financial adviser with Personal Capital in San Francisco, received his MBA from the University of Colorado. His younger son, Alex, a finance major at USEF, passed away unexpectedly on June 20, 2020, in San Francisco, just prior to graduation. Alex was an honor student lauded by his professors for leading a group students who delivered food to the homeless in the Bayview area of San Francisco.

In Alex’s memory, Mike volunteered with

Belvedere’s St. Stephen’s Church’s meal program for the homeless. After Mike’s death, his mother, Virginia, continues to participate in their memory.

Mike is survived by his mother, Virginia Doyle of Belvedere; his former wife, Lisa Psyhojos of New Jersey; his brother Chris (Susan) Knepper; his son, Nick; and his nieces and nephews Luke (Bethany), Rob, and Julia, and two great-nephews Clive and Tove Knepper.

Mike is also survived by his step-family: Tam-mis Doyle and Detta and Cassie Vines; KT, Teya and Alix Patt; Colin, Lisa, Emily and Alice Doyle; Patrick, Gavin and Charlotte Doyle; Bryan Doyle; and Jennifer Doyle.

Dennis Mosher McDonald

We regret to announce that Dennis Mosher McDonald, age 81 of Belvedere, Ca., passed away in the early hours of February 27, 2022, surrounded by his family.

Dennis was predeceased by his parents John (Jack) McDonald and Ester Mosher McDonald, his sister Judith McDonald



Bell and his brother-in-law Robert Allan Bell.

He is survived by his nephew Terry Bell and his wife Barbie Bell, his niece Wendi Flynn Bell, and his great nieces and nephews Keili Bell, Feliz Johnson, Jack McDonald Bell, and Henry Bell.

Dennis was born on April 11, 1940, in Oakland, Ca. He attended McChesney Junior High School and Oakland High School, where he graduated in 1958.

After a very brief stint in the military, Dennis attended San Francisco State University and received a master’s degree in economics in 1964. He then began a very successful career with Wells Fargo Bank in downtown San Francisco, where he formed lifelong friend-

ships with his many colleagues.

Dennis was the ultimate bachelor and although never married, he was never alone. His loving and engaging personality paved the way for genuine friendships with people from all over the world. He was the Best Man, The Godfather, and The Great Uncle to an incredible number of people. His honest involvement in his friends’ lives earned him the title “Uncle Den” to almost all the young people he knew.

Dennis had several passions in life, including great food and wine, and most importantly, a life-long pursuit of reading and learning. He received his love of learning from his father and was always happy to share his books and knowledge with anyone who would listen.

Dennis was a world traveler and with his friends and family visited dozens of countries all over the world. And as Dennis would do, he impressed people and formed friendships everywhere he went.

Dennis loved the town of Belvedere, where he lived for over 50 years. He was a fixture at Mike’s

Place, where he would daily sit at the counter, reading his paper, discussing world events with friends and neighbors.

Dennis was deeply involved with many charities and organizations, especially those close to home. He was especially involved in the Belvedere-Tiburon Library.

Dennis was considered by all who knew him an “absolute classic” and an incredible human being. He was warm, loving and fun to be with. He was also a great listener and conversationalist with a wicked sense of humor. He will be sorely missed and never forgotten.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in Dennis’s name to the following:

Belvedere Tiburon Library, 1501 Tiburon Blvd, Tiburon, CA 94920, (415) 789-2665.

10,000 Degrees, which is an organization that mentors low-income students in Marin and helps them get into college. Their address is 10,000 Degrees, 1401 Los Gamos Dr., Suite 205, San Rafael, CA 94903.

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participating communities, including All-state, State Farm and USAA, among others. But new sets of proposed regulations could soon require all insurance companies to consider wildfire defense in pricing.

“With more Californians rolling up their sleeves and reaching into their own pockets to protect their homes and businesses, insurance pricing must reflect their efforts,” Lara said.

One prong of the state initiative is participation in a recognized community fire-safety program, such as Firewise USA, a national program that started in 2002 and offers certification to communities that work with local fire officials to create a multiyear action plan to fire-harden their homes.

The peninsula has three certified Firewise communities: the Upper Sugarloaf neighborhood that abuts the Old St. Hilary’s and Tiburon Uplands preserves, the Harbor Hill Homeowners Association below the Old St. Hilary’s preserve and the De Silva Island Homeowners Association in Strawberry.

A fourth community — the Mateo Drive Homeowners Association in Tiburon, which sits above Paradise Drive near Tiburon open space and the Ring Mountain Open Space Preserve — is currently working on getting certified and hopes to complete the process by June.

Association President Jon Larson said he’s lived in his community since 1975 and has been concerned for a while that the brush butting up to his and other homes’ property lines could catch fire in an instant if someone were to toss a cigarette on a windy day or fire caught along Paradise Drive and traveled up the hill.

He said when the 17-home neighborhood started the certification process last summer, insurance discounts weren’t even on his mind. They were able to raise \$50,000 to clear trees and brush over a two-month period last summer, while they’ll need about \$24 per resident each year for ongoing maintenance — along with participation in an educational program and submitting a report each year — to retain certification. But now, Larson said, insurance discounts can be an incentive for other Tiburon communities to join and that he and his neighbors are “vitaly interested” in them.



JON LARSON PHOTO

Clockwise from left are Tiburon Superintendent of Public Works Patrick Kerslake and Tiburon Fire Protection District Fire Marshal Mike Lantier, with Robert Brown, Sarah Phillips, Suzanne Kim and Anne Libbin as the group met in October about fire safety for the Mateo Drive Homeowners Association. The association is working on becoming the Tiburon Peninsula’s fourth certified Firewise USA community.

The other two standards in the state initiative are aimed at protecting a structure and its immediate surroundings. A building must have a fire-rated or fire-resistant roof, a 5-foot ember-resistant zone around the home, at least 6 inches of noncombustible material at the bottom of exterior walls; ember- and fire-resistant vents; upgraded windows that are double paned or have added shutters; and enclosed eaves.

Around the home, vegetation and debris must be cleared underneath decks; combustible sheds and other outbuildings within 30 feet of the home should be removed; and the yard must be trimmed and cleared to align with local defensible space standards.

Applying the new state standards

The initiative announced Feb. 14 was created over the past year by Lara with the state Office of Emergency Services, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, California Public Utilities Commission and Governor’s Office of Planning and Research.

On Feb. 25, Lara proposed an expansion of the regulations that could be in place by

summer, he said, and would legally require insurance companies to offer the discounts. Further, insurance companies would be required to be more transparent about wildfire risk scores it assigns to properties, so home and business owners can directly compare their scores to their mitigation efforts.

Separately, Assemblyman Marc Levine — the termed-out San Rafael Democrat who hopes to unseat Lara as insurance commissioner in this year’s elections — on Feb. 1 introduced Assembly 1755, which beginning in 2025 would require an insurance provider to issue a policy to a homeowner that has taken science-based actions to harden their property from wildfire risk, regardless of the home’s location. It would also create a program for grants of up to \$10,000 for homeowners to pay for mitigation efforts. That bill is in committee.

Fred Hilliard, a fire marshal at the Southern Marin Fire Protection District — which among other areas serves Strawberry and Tiburon northwest of Trestle Glen Boulevard — said in an interview he doesn’t know much about the standards because they were developed at the state level rather than on a

local scale, but they’re “following the path we’re currently (on)” in terms of developing and encouraging defensible space.

He said anything that would help a community to be more fire resilient is a huge opportunity, especially when some homes are losing insurance or paying increasingly higher rates as fire risk increases.

“If the state is willing to help with the cost, it’s a really good thing,” he said.

Deputy Fire Marshal Mike Lantier of the Tiburon Fire Protection District, which serves Belvedere and the rest of Tiburon, declined The Ark’s request for comment on the standards, asserting the state didn’t offer any significant guidance so he couldn’t comment on perceived effects coming to the peninsula.

Cities and local governments have access to millions of dollars in state and federal grants to help communities reduce their fire risk, while Strawberry and northern Tiburon residents in the Southern Marin fire district are also eligible for grants through the Marin Wildfire Protection Authority, formed in 2019 to focus on county wildfire prevention. The Tiburon fire district declined to join, and Belvedere, which contracts with the district, followed its lead, so Belvedere and southern Tiburon residents are ineligible.

The county wildfire authority has \$500,000 in grant funds for fiscal 2021-2022, and according to Executive Director Mark Brown, it has distributed \$10,000 so far with \$100,000 in the queue to hand out. He said the unspent grants will roll into next fiscal year.

Brown said the county authority is using the new initiative to work with the state Legislature and insurance companies to encourage fire-risk reduction at a local level. He said the authority’s objectives align well with the new standards, and its home-hardening and defensible-space programs have already funded more than 35,000 home inspections throughout its jurisdiction.

“I think (the framework) is a strong start, but I feel many of the details need further refining and actionable items to make it really effective,” Brown said.

Reach Belvedere and public-safety reporter Shayne Jones at 415-944-4627.

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MARIN
NO. CIV2200325
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
PETITION OF
SARAH FRIEDMAN SOLOMON AND ANDREW EDWARD SOLOMON TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
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FILED: February 9, 2022
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CITY OF BELVEDERE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTE: This is not an agenda. The agenda will be available at least 72 hours before the meeting.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 14, 2022, at 6:30 PM, the City Council of the City of Belvedere will hold a public hearing via video conference on Zoom to act on the following:
1. Introduction and first reading of an Ordinance Amending Belvedere Municipal Code Chapter 2.28, “Planning Commission” and consideration of a Resolution amending Section 6.3 of the City of Belvedere Administrative Policy Manual regarding Planning Commission Operations.
2. Introduction and first reading of an Ordinance Amending Belvedere Municipal Code by adding Chapter 9.80, “Parks and Community Center” regulating the use of Belvedere Parks and Community Center.
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Lauren Tischendorf at the start of her 13-hour open-water swim around Lord Howe Island off Australia. A documentary short about the swim will be part of the Women's Adventure Film Tour at the Rafael Theater March 11-13.

HANDOUT PHOTO

PICKS OF THE WEEK

Jazz trio to play at Old St. Hilary's

The trio of Michael Manring, Larry Kassin and John R. Burr will play a concert at Old St. Hilary's Landmark, 201 Esperanza St., Tiburon at 4 p.m. March 13. The show promises an eclectic mix of jazz, world music and more. Manring has been a session bassist for more than 40 years, Kassin is a jazz flutist and Burr a pianist. Tickets are \$15-\$20 in advance, \$20-\$25 at the door if not sold out. There is no parking at Old St. Hilary's. A free shuttle runs from in front of Rustic Bakery at The Boardwalk Shopping Center, 1550 Tiburon Blvd., beginning 30 minutes before the show. 415-435-1853 or landmarksociety.com.

Mushroom hike at Paradise Beach

A Marin County Parks ranger will lead an educational hike on mushrooms at Paradise Beach Park, 3450 Paradise Drive, Tiburon, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 12. The talk will focus on basic mushroom identification and information and how and where fungi grow. There are hundreds to types of mushrooms found in the Bay Area, from more well-known edible ones like chanterelle, porcini and oyster mushrooms to more eye-catching ones like turkey tail, scarlet cup, fluted black elfin saddle and witch's butter, plus poisonous mushrooms like the death cap. The event is free, pre-registration is requested. No pets except service animals are allowed. marincountyparks.org.

Short film series highlights women adventurers

The Rafael Film Center in San Rafael will host the Women's Adventure Film Tour March 11-13. Originating in Australia, the show features short films from the U.S., South Africa and more showcasing girls and women who challenge the outdoors and themselves. Topics include a solo swim around an island off Tasmania surrounded by sharks, a grueling 140-mile trail run through central Australia, Olympian snowboarder Torah Bright tackling mountains from Alaska to Antarctica, a group of girls who love mountain biking and white-water rafting and a downhill skater in South Africa who overcomes an accident at a young age. Tickets are \$7-\$12.50. 415-454-1222 or rafaelfilm.org.

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NELLA

9 Today

FILM

“The Batman.” 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Century Larkspur, 7 p.m. CinéArts Sequoia. Gritty retelling starring Robert Pattinson.

“Death on the Nile.” 6:45 p.m. Century Larkspur. Murder mystery based on the Agatha Christie novel starring Kenneth Branagh as Hercule Poirot.

“Uncharted.” 7 p.m. Century Larkspur. Action adventure starring Tom Holland.

“Cyrano.” 7:20 p.m. CinéArts Sequoia. Musical adaptation starring Peter Dinklage.

Contact theaters for additional dates and showtimes. Century Larkspur: 415-461-4849 or arkn.ws/centurylarkspur. CinéArts Sequoia: 415-388-1190 or arkn.ws/cinesequoia.

KIDS

“Frozen Jr.” 6:30 p.m. March 9-12, 2:30 p.m. March 12-13. Bel Aire Elementary School, 277 Karen Way, Tiburon. Student production of the stage version of the Disney animated film about a pair of sisters. \$10. reedschools.org/Page/2146.



LES MISÉRABLES

10 Thursday

OUTDOORS

Bird walk. 10 a.m. Richardson Bay Audubon Center, 376 Greenwood Beach Road, Tiburon. A guided bird-watching hike. Free, RSVP required. 415-388-2524 or arkn.ws/rbbirdwalk.

ART

“Energy and Form.” 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through April 12. Sarah Shepard Gallery, 2245 Larkspur Landing Circle, Larkspur. Mixed-media photography by Johnna Arnold. Free. 415-295-7791 or sarahsheperdgallery.com.

MUSIC

“Salonen: Stravinsky and Ogonek.” 2 p.m. March 10, 7:30 p.m. March 11-12 Davies Symphony Hall, 201 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco. The San Francisco Symphony performs works by the composers, including “The Rite of Spring.”



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11 Friday

STAGE

“Footloose: The Musical.” 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays through March 20. Throckmorton Theatre, 142 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley. Stage adaptation of the popular 1984 film. \$21-\$35. 415-383-9600 or throckmortontheatre.org.

“Les Misérables.” 7 p.m. March 11 and 1:30 p.m. March 12. Cowell Theater, Fort Mason Center, 2 Marin Blvd., San Francisco. The Broadway musical presented by students at the Performing Arts Academy of Marin. \$30-\$50. fortmason.org.

“As You Like It.” 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. weekends through March 20. James Dunn Theatre, College of Marin, Sir Francis Drake Boulevard and Laurel Avenue, Kentfield. Shakespeare’s pastoral comedy. \$15-\$25. 415-485-9385 or pa.marin.edu.

ART

“Monochromatic.” 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays-Fridays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays through March 17. O’Hanlon Center for the Arts, 616 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley. A group show exploring the possibilities of color. Free. 415-388-4331 or ohanloncenter.org.

12 Saturday

FILM

“Ariadne Auf Naxos.” 9:55 a.m. CinéArts Sequoia, 25 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley and The Lark Theater, 549 Magnolia Ave., Larkspur. Live broadcast of the opera by Richard Strauss from the Metropolitan Opera in New York. \$12-\$30. 415-388-1190 or arkn.ws/cinesequoia;

415-924-5111 or larktheater.net.

OUTDOORS

Corte Madera Ecological Reserve Restoration. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. End of Industrial Way, Larkspur. Habitat restoration and pulling invasive plants with Marin Audubon. Free. marinaudubon.org/volunteer.

ART

“Bearers of Good News.” 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through April 9. Desta Gallery, 100 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley. Contemporary works by Dariusz Labuzek, Dina Angel Wing and Mary Oros. Free. 415-384-8762 or destagallery.com.

AUTHOR

Randi Benator. 2 p.m. Book Passage, 51 Tamal Vista Blvd., Corte Madera. The San Rafael author talks about “Awaken to Your Calling: A Guide to Discovering Your Career Path and Life Direction.” Free. 415-927-0960 or bookpassage.com.



RANDI BENATOR

MUSIC

Nella. 7:30 p.m. SFJAZZ Center, 201 Franklin St., San Francisco. Venezuelan singer who combines jazz with flamenco rhythms. \$25-\$85. 866-920-5299 or sfjazz.org.

13 Sunday

MARKET

Antiques. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Marin Center lagoon parking lot, 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael. French Market outdoor antique sale. Free. 415-383-2252 or thefrenchmarketmarin.com.

KIDS

Purim Inside Out! Hourly blocks starting 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Osher Marin Jewish Community Center, 200 N. San Pedro Road, San Rafael. Games, music, crafts and snacks to celebrate Purim. Free,



PURIM INSIDE OUT!

registration required. 415-444-8000 or marinjcc.org.

ART

“Material Matters.” Noon-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, noon-4 p.m. Sundays through April 10. Seager Gray Gallery, 108 Throckmorton Ave., Mill Valley. Works by 19 artists pushing the boundaries of their mediums. Free. 415-384-8288 or seagergray.com.

FILM

“David Gulpilil: Between Two Worlds.” 4:15 p.m. Rafael Film Center, 1118 Fourth St., San Rafael. Screening of “The Tracker,” part of a series exploring performances by the Australian Aboriginal actor. \$9-\$12.50. 415-454-1222 or rafaelfilm.org.

14 Monday

FILM

“After Yang.” Sci-fi film starring Colin Farrell.

“The Worst Person in the World.” Oscar-nominated Norwegian film.

“Compartment No. 6.” Finnish film about the travelers on a Russian train.

Contact theater for additional dates and showtimes. Rafael Film Center, 1118 Fourth St., San Rafael. \$7-\$12.50. 415-454-1222 or rafaelfilm.org.

MUSIC

Dead on Mondaze. 7 p.m. Sweetwater Music Hall, 19 Corte Madera Ave., Mill Valley. Weekly jam showcase. \$15. 415-388-3850 or sweetwatermusichall.com.

15 Tuesday

ART

“Landscape Reimagined.” 10 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays through April 29. Robert Allen Fine Art, 301 Caledonia St., Sausalito. Paintings on canvas and panel by Susan Adamé, William Leidenthal and Victoria Ryan. Free. 415-331-2800 or robertallenfineart.com.

KIDS

Sing and Stomp. 10:15 a.m. Outdoor amphitheater, Mill Valley Public Library, 375 Throckmorton Ave. Drop-in music and movement time for ages 2-5. Free. millvalleylibrary.org.

The Arts

Wiley's idiosyncrasies on display in Bolinas Museum exhibit

By CAROL BENET
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The late William T. Wiley was a Marin artist who lived in Woodacre, where he bought a house and barn on San Geronimo Creek. It is fitting that the folksy and charming Bolinas Museum currently has the exhibit “William T. Wiley: & So ...” on display.

Wiley, a longtime instructor at the University of California at Davis who died in April, was multifaceted. In addition to an artist, he was a philosopher, a Zen Buddhist and, above all, a jokester. He loved to write

if you go

“William T. Wiley: & So ...” runs through April 3 at the Bolinas Museum, 48 Wharf Road.

Hours: 1-5 p.m. Fridays, 12-5 p.m. weekends.

Admission: Free.

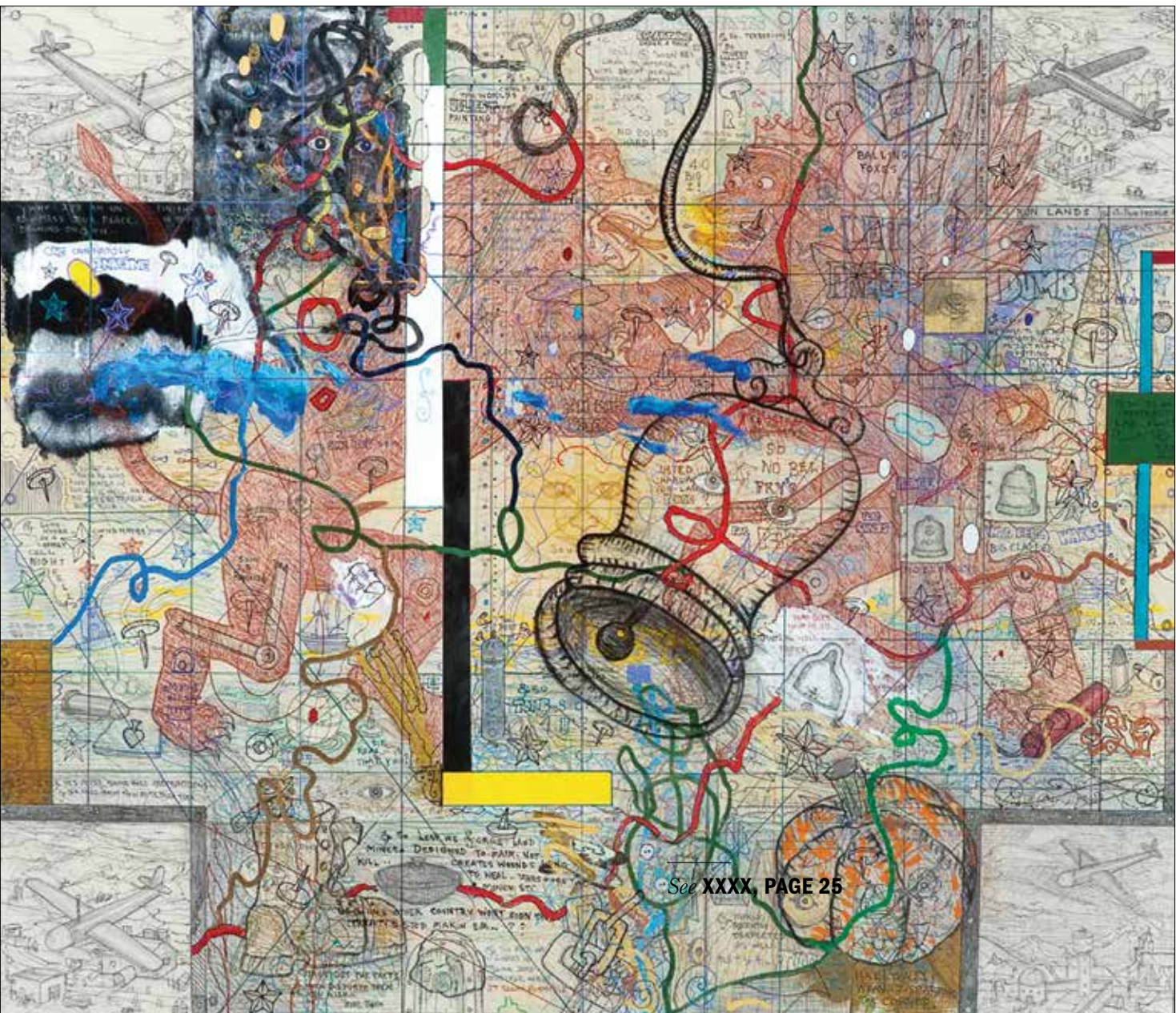
Info: bolinas-museum.org or 415-868-0330.

Buddhist koan-type phrases on his paintings that often referred to the contemporary state of events. Sometimes they were so enigmatic they could be enjoyed just for the calligraphy. He loved the symbol of the ampersand, so he used it on

many canvasses. One on display is “Amper-sand Abandon,” a large sketch of a purple ampersand in a garbage lot with city buildings in the background.

A freestanding homemade sculpture of a four-string guitar in a decorated box from around 1985 is the earliest work on display in Bolinas. In one of the corners of the exhibit rests a sculpture of a wooden walking stick with a found object, a small leather shoe, affixed to the end. There are puzzling inscriptions, such as “roll me” and “role me over.” Wiley experimented with video, with one running throughout the exhibit, as well as with music, jewelry and sculptures from found objects.

Wiley was part of the '50s and '60s scene in San Francisco with the Beat Movement and embracing of Zen Buddhist literature. A vitrine with memorabilia features his ubiquitous dunce cap. I attended the opening of a Wiley retrospective at the art museum



VIA BOLINAS MUSEUM

Among William T. Wiley's works is 'No Bell Prys for Peace with Predator Drone,' an acrylic and charcoal on canvas created in 2010. The Bolinas Museum is currently hosting an exhibit of the late Marin resident's art.

at the University of California at Berkeley where guests, many of them famous artists, donned decorated dunce caps.

In the same vitrine is a photograph of Wiley with colleagues Rene di Rosa and fellow UC Davis teachers and funk artists Robert Hudson and Robert Arneson. There is also mention of Wiley's influence

on cartoonist R. Crumb and Crumb's Zap Comix. In one acrylic and charcoal work, “D.E. & the Black Board Boys,” there is a list of artists, some local and some international, who were his idols: Raymond Saunders, Cy Twombly, Joseph Beuys and Terry Fox.

This Wiley exhibit is wonderfully curated by Jennifer Gately and Jennifer

Wechsler, who use the one room space of the main gallery at the Bolinas Museum to great advantage.

Arts writer Carol Benet, a Belvedere resident since 1969, earned a Ph.D. in comparative literature from UC Berkeley. She has been contributing to The Ark since 1975.

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Weekday Route 219/219F shuttle				Weekend & holiday Route 219 shuttle			
Depart Strawberry Reed & Belvedere	Arrive Tiburon Tiburon & Main	Depart Tiburon Tiburon & Main	Arrive Strawberry Reed & Belvedere*	Depart Strawberry Reed & Belvedere	Arrive Tiburon Tiburon & Main	Depart Tiburon Tiburon & Main	Arrive Strawberry Reed & Belvedere*
6:12 am	6:38 am	6:38 am	6:53 am	7:43 am	7:59 am	8:06 am	8:18 am
7:19 am	7:45 am	7:54 am	8:12 am	8:18 am	8:34 am	8:41 am	8:53 am
7:45 am	8:05 am	8:27 am	8:46 am	8:53 am	9:09 am	9:16 am	9:28 am
8:26 am	8:46 am	8:59 am	9:18 am	9:28 am	9:44 am	9:51 am	10:03 am
8:46 am	9:02 am	9:27 am	9:46 am	10:03 am	10:19 am	10:26 am	10:38 am
9:18 am	9:34 am	---	---	10:38 am	10:54 am	11:01 am	11:13 am
9:46 am	10:02 am	10:08 am	10:20 am	11:13 am	11:29 am	11:36 am	11:48 am
10:20 am	10:36 am	10:43 am	10:55 am	11:48 am	12:04 pm	12:11 pm	12:23 pm
10:55 am	11:11 am	11:18 am	11:30 am	12:23 pm	12:39 pm	12:46 pm	12:58 pm
11:30 am	11:46 pm	11:53 am	12:05 pm	12:58 pm	1:14 pm	1:21 pm	1:33 pm
12:05 pm	12:21 pm	12:34 pm	12:46 pm	1:33 pm	1:49 pm	1:56 pm	2:08 pm
12:46 pm	1:02 pm	1:08 pm	1:20 pm	2:08 pm	2:24 pm	2:31 pm	2:43 pm
1:20 pm	1:36 pm	1:38 pm	1:54 pm	2:43 pm	2:59 pm	3:06 pm	3:18 pm
1:54 pm	2:10 pm	2:14 pm	2:30 pm	3:18 pm	3:34 pm	3:41 pm	3:53 pm
2:30 pm	2:46 pm	2:56 pm	3:18 pm	3:53 pm	4:09 pm	4:16 pm	4:28 pm
3:18 pm	3:38 pm	3:47 pm	4:08 pm	4:28 pm	4:44 pm	4:51 pm	5:03 pm
3:38 pm	3:58 pm	4:12 pm	4:40 pm	5:03 pm	5:19 pm	5:26 pm	5:38 pm
4:08 pm	4:28 pm	5:00 pm	5:21 pm	5:38 pm	5:54 pm	6:01 pm	6:13 pm
4:40 pm	5:00 pm	5:27 pm	5:48 pm	6:13 pm	6:29 pm	6:36 pm	6:48 pm
5:28 pm	5:48 pm	5:50 pm	6:18 pm	6:48 pm	7:04 pm	7:11 pm	7:23 pm
5:55 pm	6:15 pm	6:20 pm	6:38 pm	7:23 pm	7:39 pm	7:46 pm	7:58 pm
6:18 pm	6:38 pm	7:05 pm	7:30 pm	* = Most routes continue to the Redwood Highway frontage road at the Highway 101 north ramps.			
7:30 pm	7:46 pm	7:46 pm	8:04 pm	marintransit.org (effective Dec. 13)			
8:04 pm	8:20 pm	8:20 pm	8:32 pm	HOLIDAYS: New Year's Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving Friday, Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Eve.			
8:32 pm	8:46 pm	8:46 pm	8:58 pm				
Trips in bold type are timed to the weekday Golden Gate Ferry commuter ferry and make neighborhood stops. Look for buses marked "219F."							

Route 8 weekday commuter bus: S.F. Financial District (effective July 2020)					
Tiburon & Main	Beach & San Rafael	Reed & Belvedere	Seminary & frontage	Battery & Pine	Perry & 4th
(suspended)					
Perry & 3rd	Pine & Battery	Seminary & frontage	Reed & Belvedere	Beach & San Rafael	Tiburon & Main
(suspended)					

NO SERVICE: Weekends, New Year's Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Indigenous Peoples' Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving Friday, Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve.

GOLDEN GATE FERRY S.F. Ferry Building, Gate B, goldengateferry.org (effective Jan. 31)			
Weekday ferry: Trips in bold type are timed to Marin Transit shuttles. Look for buses marked "219F."			
Depart Tiburon	Arrive S.F.	Depart S.F.	Arrive Tiburon
6:45 am	7:15 am	7:20 am	7:50 am
8:00 am	8:30 am	8:40 am	9:30 am
9:40 am	10:10 am	10:30 am	11:00 am
11:10 am	12:00 pm	12:10 pm	12:40 pm
1:10 pm	1:40 pm	1:50 pm	2:45 pm
2:50 pm	3:20 pm	3:35 pm	4:05 pm
4:15 pm	5:05 pm	5:15 pm	5:45 pm
5:55 pm	6:25 pm	6:30 pm	7:00 pm

Weekend & holiday ferry			
Depart S.F.	Arrive Tiburon	Depart Tiburon	Arrive S.F.
9:20 am	10:10 am	10:20 am	10:50 am
11:00 am	11:50 pm	12:00 pm	12:30 pm
12:40 pm	1:10 pm	1:20 pm	2:10 pm
3:10 pm	3:40 pm	3:50 pm	4:40 pm
4:50 pm	5:20 pm	6:15 pm	7:15 pm

HOLIDAY SERVICE: MLK Jr. Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Indigenous People's Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Friday. **NO SERVICE:** New Year's Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

TIDELINE WATER TAXI	
Thu-Fri: Pier 1.5	Sat: Hyde St.
Depart S.F.	Depart Tiburon
~6:45 pm	~7:20 pm
~7:55 pm	~8:30 pm
~9:05 pm	~9:40 pm
~10:15 pm	~11:00 pm

NOTE: Times are approximate; Tideline does not operate on a set schedule. [tidelinetickets.com](#)

SAN FRANCISCO BAY TRAIL

The **Old Rail Trail**, from Blackie's Pasture to the downtown Railroad and Ferry Depot Museum at Shoreline Park, is part of the San Francisco Bay Trail — a 500-mile recreation corridor that, when complete, will provide a continuous network of biking and pedestrian trails linking 47 cities along the shoreline of all nine Bay Area counties. [baytrail.org](#).

TRAFFIC WATCH

Drivers should expect weekday school- and commute-related congestion on Tiburon Boulevard:

- **Mornings:** 7:45-8:45 a.m., outbound.
- **Afternoons:** 2-4 p.m., inbound.

MOON & TIDES

TIDES AT THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE

DATE	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
Wed, Mar 9	3:26 am 5.2	10:45 am 0.8	6:29 pm 3.7	10:19 pm 3.2
Thu, Mar 10	4:18 am 5.1	11:57 am 0.7	8:00 pm 4.0	11:51 pm 3.4
Fri, Mar 11	5:22 am 5.0	1:03 pm 0.5	8:53 pm 4.2	- - -
	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH
Sat, Mar 12	1:06 am 3.3	6:30 am 5.0	1:58 pm 0.3	9:29 pm 4.4
Sun, Mar 13	3:01 am 3.1	8:31 am 5.2	3:42 pm 0.1	10:59 pm 4.5
Mon, Mar 14	3:44 am 2.7	9:24 am 5.4	4:20 pm -0.1	11:25 pm 4.7
Tue, Mar 15	4:22 am 2.4	10:11 am 5.5	4:53 pm -0.2	11:49 pm 4.8
Wed, Mar 16	4:57 am 2.0	10:55 am 5.6	5:23 pm -0.2	- - -

March 9: Sunrise: 6:30 am, Sunset: 6:12 pm | NEXT FULL MOON: March 18 | NEXT EXTREME TIDE: March 9

Robin's Recipes

by Robin Scott Wray

Butternut squash lasagna

Ingredients

1 butternut squash
1 box frozen spinach
1 16-oz. container of ricotta
1 egg
¾ cup Parmesan
2 cups mozzarella
3 cloves garlic, minced
Salt and pepper to taste
1 onion, chopped
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 package lasagna

Directions

Heat oven to 400 F. Cut the butternut squash in half and remove the seeds. Bake in a quarter-inch of water for 40 minutes. Remove, let cool, then peel and slice. Defrost the spinach, squeeze out any water and place in a bowl with the ricotta, egg, Parmesan, mozzarella and garlic, and season with salt and pepper. Sauté the onion in a little of the olive oil and add to the spinach mixture. Cook the lasagna according to package directions. In a baking dish, drizzle a little olive oil and top with a layer of noodles. Add half the spinach mixture, then cover with a layer of noodles and a layer of butternut squash. Add another layer of noodles and the rest of the spinach mixture. Top with the rest of the noodles and sprinkle with a little Parmesan. Bake 40 minutes until brown and bubbly. Enjoy!

Tiburon native Robin Scott Wray operates a local catering company; reach her at rscott@thearknewspaper.com or 415-297-6991. Her recipes can be found in the Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society cookbook.

What's Happening at The Ranch

The Ranch, Tiburon and Belvedere's joint recreation agency, is housed at the Dairy Knoll recreation center at 600 Ned's Way, Tiburon. Classes are held there, at the Tiburon Community Room in Tiburon Town Hall at 1505 Tiburon Blvd. and at the Belvedere Community Center at 450 San Rafael Ave., unless otherwise noted. For details or to enroll, visit [theranchtoday.org](#) or contact the agency at 415-435-4355.

Youth

Group Piano Lessons (Grades 3-5) with EnBRIDGEment: 2:35-3:35 p.m. Mondays beginning March 21 at Bel Aire Elementary School; \$342-\$362 for 10 weeks. A beginning piano class; keyboards will be provided.

Capture the Flag (Grades 3-5) with Tahir Dossett: 2:35-3:45 p.m.; \$310-\$329 for 10 weeks. Each week, players will learn and play one of a variety of different Capture the Flag games, including: classic, one flag, playground, hide and seek, territories and more. Coaches will discuss tactics, strategies and teamwork for each game.

Battle Strategies — Minecraft Meets Fortnite (Grades 3-5) with Tahir Dossett: 2:25-3:45 p.m. Fridays at Bel Aire Elementary School; \$310-\$329 for 10 weeks. Students will create their own foam weapons and shields from the Minecraft and Fortnite universes, learn various battle strategies implemented in those games and

compete in an assortment of fun activities and games. Supplies will be provided for every class.

Teens

Friday Night Hangout: 7-9 p.m. March 11, April 15, May 6 and June 3 at Dairy Knoll; \$10-\$20. Kids in grades 6-8 can play games, watch movies, eat snacks and more. Upcoming hangout themes include the Heaven on Earth party and casino night. A special May 20 hangout will be open to fifth-graders. Email tdossett@theranchtoday.org for more information.

Adults

Tech Classes for Seniors with Technology4Life: 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays beginning March 23 at Dairy Knoll; \$150 for four weeks, or \$45 per week. Geared toward adults ages 60 and up with a new technology topic every week, including staying safe online, using social media and iPhone and iPad basics.

Beginning Swing Dance with Jasmine Worrell Dance: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays beginning April 27 at the Belvedere Community Center; \$118-\$125 for four weeks. Swing is a fun social dance set to jazz, blues and rock 'n' roll. Singles and couples are welcome, no experience necessary.

Submitted by The Ranch office manager Michelle Barsky.

Legals, from page 22

REGARDING ITEM 1 & 2 ABOVE:

Notice is hereby further given that at the above time and place, all letters received will be noted, and all interested parties will be heard. Please note that if you challenge in court any of the matters described above, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the above-referenced public hearing [Government Code Section 65009(b)(2)]. Because of possible changes or extenuating conditions, items may not be on the

actual agenda. For additional information, please contact City Hall, 450 San Rafael Avenue, Belvedere, CA 94920-2336 (415) 435-3838
Ark Legal 3968 Mar 2, 9, 2022

SPECIAL VACANCY NOTICE
On Town of Tiburon Boards, Commissions & Committees
February 2022
BELVEDERE/TIBURON JT. RECREATION COMMITTEE
Statutory Authority: Joint Powers Agreement between City of Belvedere and Town of Tiburon
Term: Four Years
Purpose: The Committee is formed under a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Belvedere and Town of Tiburon and is comprised of an equal number of Belvedere and Tiburon residents, a Reed

Union School District Trustee, a member of each city council. The purpose of the Committee is to oversee the Joint Recreation Department mission to provide quality recreational and educational programs that inspire and enrich the lives of children and adults in the community while maintaining a self-supporting agency. The Committee meets monthly and serves as a policy-setting and advisory board to both the Belvedere City Council and Tiburon Town Council. Qualifications: For this opening, applicants must be residents of the Town of Tiburon and have the interest, desire, and time available to serve for a four-year term, including attendance at regular meetings and other activities.

See LEGALS, NEXT PAGE

Check it Out at the Library

The Belvedere-Tiburon Library has partially reopened to the public as expansion construction continues.

Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Visit the Founders Room for fiction, non-fiction, magazines and movies; the gallery for new books, media, vinyl and more; and the children's room for children and teen materials.

Library users will have access to self-checkout stations, printing and copying services, the online library catalog and an express computer for quick internet browsing.

Patrons will continue to have the option to request holds for curbside pickup during business hours. Holds can be placed by logging into your account, searching the book and clicking the green "Place Hold" button.

Once outside the library, call 415-789-2665 or text your name to 415-969-4153 and the items will be brought to your car.

Please note there will be a lot of "Staff Only" and roped off areas throughout the space because of temporary workstations. Patrons will also see some additional cones and signage directing them to the temporary restrooms.

For more information, visit beltiblibrary.org.

Fun for teens

For information on teen programs, for grades 6-12, visit beltiblibrary.org/teens or email teens@beltiblibrary.org.

Virtual Tech Workshops: Attend Zoom lectures to learn more about social media, streaming and other apps. The library

is co-hosting workshops with Teens Teach Technology. Sign up online or call 415-789-2661.

Resources for adults

Find bestsellers: Search the catalog for "beltib bestsellers." Most requested books recently include "The Last Thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave, "The Cellist" by Daniel Silva and "While Justice Sleeps" by Stacey Abrams.

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e-readers preloaded with dozens of bestsellers. Call or email for details.

Do research: Search the library's EBSCO article database, which can be found in the "Do Research" tab on the library's website. Online resources include Consumer Reports, Morningstar and Value Line for financial information, LinkedIn Learning and O'Reilly Learning for classes on new technology, Ancestry.com for genealogy and more. For details, visit beltiblibrary.org/do-research.

Find your next book: Fill out the form at beltiblibrary.org/form/what-read-next with authors you enjoy, and a librarian will send you a list of titles.

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Legals, from previous

A vacancy has occurred as follows:
Appointee
1) Eddy Dominguez
Date Appointed
September 1, 2021
Date Resigned
February 16, 2022
Term Expiration
2/28/24

Interested residents can contact Tiburon Town Clerk Lea Stefani at (415) 435-7377 or lstefani@townoftiburon.org for more information. Applications are available at Tiburon Town Hall, 1505 Tiburon Boulevard, or online at www.townoftiburon.org.
Deadline for Applications = March 17, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.
(Position open until filled)
Notice posted at Town Hall
Ark Legal 3963 Feb 23, Mar 9, 2022

CITY OF BELVEDERE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO ADOPT A CHARTER FOR THE CITY OF BELVEDERE
NOTE: This is not an agenda. The agenda will be available at least 24 hours before the meeting.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 22, 2022, at 5:30 PM, the City Council of the City of Belvedere will hold a special public hearing via video conference on Zoom to act on the following: The City Council of the City of Belvedere will hold a public hearing to consider submitting a proposed charter for adoption to the voters of Belvedere at the regularly scheduled election on November 8, 2022. Belvedere is currently organized

as a general law city under California law. If Belvedere voters approve a charter, Belvedere will be organized as a charter city, as provided for in the proposed charter. At the public hearing, the City Council will consider the proposal of a charter and the content of the proposed charter.
To attend the remote public hearing, please use the Zoom invitation below, and to provide comment, please contact the City Clerk at clerk@cityofbelvedere.org, or call 415-435-3838.
When: Mar 22, 2022 05:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Belvedere Special City Council Meeting
Please click the link below to join the webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84502851732?pwd=OWFZU1c4Y2pkbHpXeHBkOUU3e43UT09>
Webinar ID: 845 0285 1732
Passcode: 005210
877 853 5247 (Toll Free)
888 788 0099 (Toll Free)
/s/Beth Haener
City Clerk
Because of possible changes or extenuating conditions, items may not be on the actual agenda. For additional information, please contact City Hall.
450 San Rafael Avenue, Belvedere, CA 94920-2336 (415) 435-3838
Ark Legal 3969 Mar 9, 2022

CITY OF BELVEDERE
SUMMARY OF THE ADOPTED ORDINANCES
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 24nd, 2022, at a special City Council meeting held via video conference on Zoom, the City Council of the City of Belvedere adopted the extension of Urgency Ordinance Number 2022-01 and Urgency Ordinance 2022-02,

entitled:
1. ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE URGENCY ORDINANCE (ORDINANCE NO. 2022-01) OF THE CITY OF BELVEDERE AMENDING BELVEDERE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 18 — SUBDIVISIONS ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT OF QUALIFIED SENATE BILL 9 (SB 9) PROPERTIES AND AMENDING TITLE — 19 ZONING TO COMPLY WITH SENATE BILL 9 (SB 9). On January 10, 2022, the City Council adopted an Urgency Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2022-01) that established temporary processing rules and objective standards to govern applications under SB 9 (signed into law on September 16, 2021, and effective January 1, 2022). On February 24, 2022, the City Council adopted an ordinance extending the Urgency ordinance until February 24, 2023. SB 9 requires ministerial approval of a one-time, two-lot subdivision and up to two (2) units per lot. Alternatively, up to four units may be constructed on one existing single-family lot that has not been subdivided (two primary units and two ADUs). Urgency Ordinance No. 2022-1 established standards for SB 9 projects city wide, including development standards to reflect some of the unique characteristics of Belvedere.
2. ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELVEDERE AMENDING THE BELVEDERE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADOPTING A NEW TITLE TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE — TITLE 22 FOR OBJECTIVE, DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS (ODDS) FOR QUALIFYING MULTI-FAMILY & MIXED-USE PROJECTS. On January 27, 2022, at a special meeting of the City Council, the Council adopted an Urgency

Ordinance (Ordinance No. 2022-02) which put into place Objective, Design & Development Standards (ODDS) for multi-family and mixed-use projects. On February 24, 2022, the City Council adopted an ordinance extending the Urgency ordinance until February 24, 2023.
The vote of the Council was as follows:
YES: Steve Block, James Campbell, Nancy Kemnitzer, and Mayor Sally Wilkinson,
NOES: None
ABSENT: Jim Lynch
ABSTAIN: None
Both urgency ordinances became effective immediately.
A certified copy of the full text of this proposed ordinance is available for public review in the Office of the City Clerk, 450 San Rafael Avenue, Belvedere, CA 94920-2336, (415) 435-3838.
/s/Beth Haener
City Clerk
Ark Legal 3970 Mar 9, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT NO. 2022152845
NOTICE: THIS STATEMENT EXPIRES ON 3/1/2027. A NEW FBN STATEMENT MUST BE FILED NO MORE THAN 40 DAYS FROM EXPIRATION.
The following person is doing business as:
ROYSTON ABSTRACTS
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KENTFIELD, CA 94904
TONIA ROYSTON
202 KENT AVE. APT. 6
KENTFIELD, CA 94904
This business is conducted by a an individual
/s/Tonia Royston
336 Bon Air Ctr. Suite 157

Greenbrae, CA 94904
FILED: March 1, 2022
Shelly Scott
Marin County Clerk
By: L. Vawter
Ark Legal 3971 Mar 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT NO. 2022152699
NOTICE: THIS STATEMENT EXPIRES ON 2/4/2027. A NEW FBN STATEMENT MUST BE FILED NO MORE THAN 40 DAYS FROM EXPIRATION.
The following person is doing business as:
TWIN'S LANDSCAPING CONSTRUCTION
1109 3RD ST. #8
NOVATO, CA 94945
JORGE LUIS MAGANA
1109 3RD ST. #8
NOVATO, CA 94945
This business is conducted by a an individual
/s/Jorge Luis Magana
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FILED: February 4, 2022
Shelly Scott
Marin County Clerk
By: L. Vawter
Ark Legal 3972 Mar 9, 16, 23, 30, 2022

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MARIN
NO. CIV2200507
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
PETITION OF
ANA MARIA ROJAS
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner ANA MARIA ROJAS filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name ANA MARIA BATZ TAJIBOY AND ANA MARIA NAVARRETE MORALES to ANA MARIA ROJAS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: April 25, 2022. Time: 9:00 a.m. Dept: E Room: E
b. The address of the court is 3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 113, San Rafael, CA 94903.
A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation printed in this county (The Ark newspaper).
FILED: February 28, 2022
s/s ANDREW E. SWEET
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
James M. Kim, Court Executive Officer, MARIN COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT
By: N. Johnson, Deputy
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