



January 15, 2008

Dear Business Owners,

As the Tiburon MCSTOPPP (Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program) Coordinator, again this year I'm taking the opportunity of the New Year's beginning to remind all of us to continue to be sensitive to our environment. The Town and the County have many expectations most of which are based on plain old common sense.

There are some easy things you can do to protect our beautiful Tiburon surroundings and Bay waters, such as:

- Never wash out paint brushes and other equipment at the curb
- Never drain swimming pool and spa water into the street/drains; CALL your Sanitary District and get their instructions for disposal
- Never dump oil into storm drains
- Never dump yard waste into creeks or open space areas
- Never allow car wash water to enter the street or storm drains
- ALWAYS dispose of pet waste in the garbage

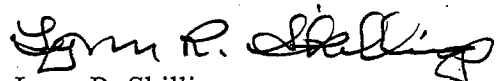
To take care of or prevent these and many other everyday matters, there are numerous useful suggestions as well as a wealth of other environmental information for adults - and children - offered on the MCSTOPPP web site at www.mcstoppp.org/resources. Additionally, because it contains so many worthwhile suggestions, I refer you to the enclosed MCSTOPPP information sheet we usually send to Apartment Managers. There are a variety of other data sheets on such subjects as winterization, pest management and gardening techniques available through this County organization.

You might also keep in mind that the Town Hall has recycle bins available (near the interior back door) for your used household batteries, cell phones and printer ink cartridges. Additionally, remember to check the Mill Valley Refuse Service web site, www.millvalleyrefuse.com, or their newsletters to learn the types of hazardous household-type only wastes which if you call in advance they will pick up.

Thank you for being attentive to these important issues. If you should have any questions, please call me at 435-7354 or call MCSTOPPP at 499-6578

We hope that you have a happy and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,


 Lynn R. Skillings
 Public Works Administrative Aide
 Tiburon MCSTOPPP Coordinator

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Vice Mayor

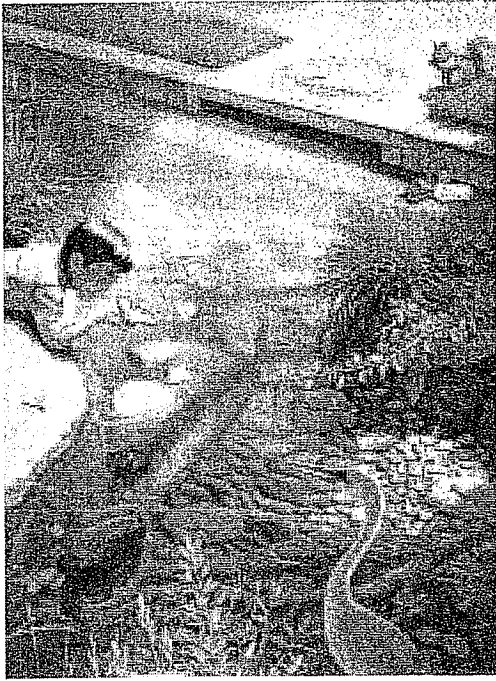
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Manager Checklist for Routine Site Inspections

What Apartment Managers Need to Know About Sewers and Storm Drains

The most important thing to know about sewers and storm drains is they are two different systems. All outside storm drains flow directly to the nearest creek (or bay or ocean) where pollutants such as paint, oil, soap and chemicals can harm fish and wildlife.

In contrast, all indoor drains (e.g. sinks, showers, toilets) flow directly to the sewage treatment plant or septic tank. Because treatment plants and septic systems are not designed to manage hazardous waste, some toxic compounds pass right through the plant and enter the Bay. In septic systems, the compounds can filter through soils and reach groundwater—before traveling on to the Bay or ocean.

Apartment managers can play a key role in helping to prevent pollution of local waterways by following the suggestions on the Manager Checklist below.

LANDSCAPED AREAS

- Yard clippings and leaves are disposed of in yard waste recycling bins. In creeks, excess organic matter can harm fish by taking up needed oxygen.
- Tenants clean up pet feces and dispose of it in the garbage. Pet waste can contain bacteria and viruses that could spread to wildlife.
- Irrigation system is checked to prevent overwatering. Overwatering is a waste of time, money, and water. It can also carry harmful fertilizers and pesticides into creeks via the storm drain. Call your local water district for information on "smart" irrigation practices.
- Before using pesticides, less-toxic alternatives are explored. Call MCSTOPPP at 499-6528 for information on the least toxic methods for managing pests.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE AREAS

- Construction materials such as concrete, dry wall, sand, dirt, and paint are stored at least 10 feet from the storm drain and covered with a tarp before rain is forecast.
- Storm drains (and trash receptacles) are not used to dispose of any hazardous waste – including chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, solvents, fuels, cleaning agents, etc. For proper disposal, call 485-5648. Novato managers should call 892-6395.
- Surface cleaners (for parking lots, windows, carpets, etc.) have been trained in pollution prevention techniques. For a list of trained surface cleaners, contact MCSTOPPP at 499-6528 or visit their website at www.mcstoppp.org. (continued on back)

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Contractors and Homeowners: It's time to Winterize your projects!



By Building Official
Dean Bloomquist

As winter approaches with the onset of the "rainy season" in October, it is important for homeowners and their contractors to winterize unfinished projects,

The Town requires all contractors to employ Best Management Practices (BMP's) in order to prevent the discharge of construction wastes or other contaminants into the Town's storm drain system.

"Contaminants," are defined as any discharge not entirely composed of storm water, so it is especially important to have good housekeeping on and adjacent to your construction site in order to prevent storm water pollution. Allowing such pollution from your project site is not only illegal, it is often very expensive to remedy after a storm has occurred.

What can YOU do to prevent storm water pollution and bring your job site into compliance with the Town's code?

Here are some suggestions:

- * Schedule grading/excavation activities for dry weather periods only.
- * Protect storm drain structures with berms or approved filters, and downstream drainage courses with drainage swales and/or silt fences.
- * Control run-off amounts and velocities with appropriate use of temporary or permanent ditches, berms and check dams.
- * Cover stockpiles of materials and excavated soils with secured tarps or plastic sheeting.
- * Sweep paved surfaces that drain to storm drains, creeks or channels.
- * Remove existing vegetation ONLY where absolutely necessary, and seed or re-vegetate slopes where construction is not immediately planned. Areas seeded after September 20 should also be treated with

erosion blankets, straw, netting or other appropriate means.

- * Make your employees and subcontractors aware of the Town's ordinance and of their responsibilities to comply with BMP's.
- * Employ other measures in accordance with published BMP's.

Here's what YOU MUST DO in order to comply with the Town of Tiburon's ordinance if your project is currently underway or planned between October 1 and April 30:

- * **INSTALL** erosion and siltation control on or before October 1, 2007.
- * **INSPECT** on-site erosion and siltation control facilities immediately before each storm to allow sufficient time to make needed corrections or improvements.
- * **INSPECT** on-site erosion and siltation control facilities after each storm to correct any damaged or failed measures.
- * **MAINTAIN** erosion and siltation control facilities on a regular basis to include silt removal at silt fences and sediment ponds, replacement of worn silt fence fabric, and seeding and mulching of areas which become denuded over time.

Additional erosion control measures you should be aware of (and be aware that there are penalties for non-compliance) are outlined in the Town's Winterization and Site Management Notice, available at the Building Division's public counter.

Random site inspections are made and failure to comply with the above requirements could result in an immediate job shutdown until appropriate measures are in place.

You are urged to implement these measures as quickly as possible to avoid unnecessary delays to your project. Remember, proper site winterization and adherence to BMP's is good for our environment and in everyone's best interest!

If you have any questions,
please call the Town's Building Division
435-7380.

SENIOR SAFETY

By Jessica Power,
Tiburon Fire Protection District

Watch your step!
Fall prevention

How big is the problem?

Falls are the most common cause of nonfatal injuries and hospital admissions for trauma.

More than one third of adults 65 and older sustain injuries from falls each year in the United States.

What You Can Do to Prevent Falls?

1. Begin a regular exercise program.
2. Have your health care provider review your medicines.
3. Have your vision checked.
4. Make your home safer—
 - Remove things you can trip over from stairs and places where you walk.
 - Keep items you use often in cabinets you can reach easily without using a step stool.
 - Have grab bars put in next to your toilet and in the tub or shower, stairs, or anywhere you may need assistance while getting around.
 - Use non-slip mats in the bathtub and on shower floors.
 - Improve the lighting in your home.
 - Wear shoes both inside and outside the house.
 - Get up slowly after you sit or lie down.
 - Paint a contrasting color on the top edge of all steps so you can see the stairs better.
 - Arrange your furniture so that it is easy to walk around.
 - Maintain your floors so they don't become crooked or uneven.

Other Safety Tips

Keep emergency numbers in large print near each phone.

Put a phone near the floor in case you fall and can't get up.

Think about wearing an alarm device that will bring help in case you fall and can't get up.

For more information, call the Tiburon Fire Department at 435-7200.

*Tib. Talk***Lynn Skillings**

From: Joel Brewer
Sent: Friday, November 16, 2007 2:30 PM
To: Nicholas Nguyen
Cc: Lynn Skillings
Subject: Winterization

The Department of Public Works, has been very active of late, preparing for the winter. We have been cleaning and vacuuming all 438 of the Town of Tiburon's catch basins. We have also been cleaning and clearing many of our culverts. In general we are actively engaged in the preparation and business of keeping the Town of Tiburon safe and ready for whatever this season may bring.

Coming soon....new signage and landscaping. Stay tuned for details of the reopening celebration coordinated by the Town's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

from among three candidates for the two seats on the Tiburon Fire Protection District Board of Directors:

While it is too late to register to vote for this election, you can still request an absentee ballot by mail from the Marin County Registrar of Voters, P.O. Box E, San Rafael, CA 94913. Voters may also apply for an absentee ballot in person at the Registrar's office at the Civic Center in San Rafael. Voters who are ill may designate any person to pick up and return their ballot during this period (October 31 - November 6).

The polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. To find your polling place, type in your zip code under "Find my ballot" at www.smartvoter.org.

Fire Road Rehabilitation

The Marin County Fire Department recently performed rehabilitation work on three of the Town's fire roads. Fire roads at the end of Shepherd Way and on the Middle Ridge slopes below Gilmartin Drive were cleared of dense vegetation and lightly re-graded to greatly improve access by fire and emergency vehicles.



These fire roads provide critical fire breaks and access points for fire fighting equipment and personnel in the event of a wildland fire. They are especially important in communities like Tiburon where large public open space tracts lie adjacent to residential development.

Thank you, Marin County and Tiburon Fire Departments!

Where to Recycle Computers and Other Hazardous Waste



In February of 2006 it became illegal to dispose of cell phones, PDAs, computers, fluorescent bulbs and cathode ray tubes (CRTs) in landfills statewide. As a result, Mill Valley Refuse Service can no longer provide curb-side removal of certain waste products.

Here's what you can do: bring your cell phones and household batteries, as well as printer cartridges (but not your printers or computers), to Town Hall for recycling. Goodman's Lumber, located on the frontage road near Highway 101, will accept fluorescent bulbs.

Other organizations will accept computers: one is ReNew Computers, 1241 Andersen Drive, Suite J, San Rafael, CA

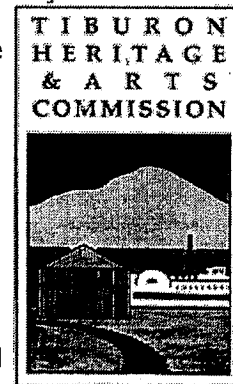
94901 (415) 457-8801. ReNew Computers also accepts televisions, printers, fax machines and other small electronic items.

It is important to take your other hazardous waste, such as aerosol cans, latex paint and pesticides, to the Marin County Household Hazardous Waste drop-off facility at 525 Jacoby Street in San Rafael. Call 485-6806 for hours of operation.

Consult your Recycling Guide in the middle of the yellow pages for other good tips. Some helpful websites are www.MarinRecycles.org and www.MarinMax.org (a free materials exchange website).

Heritage & Arts Commission Vacancy

The Heritage & Arts Commission has an opening and may be looking for you! The Commission works to preserve and protect those buildings, sites, works of art and other objects which have special historical, cultural or aesthetic character or interest to the Tiburon Peninsula.



Applicants must be residents of the Tiburon Peninsula. An estimated 10-15 hours per month is spent on meetings, art openings or special projects. A formal art/history background is preferred but not required.

Visit our website at www.ci.tiburon.ca.us, click on "Useful Forms," and look for the application to serve on a board or commission. You can also visit the [Heritage & Arts Commission page](#) from the same site to view some recent projects.

Street Improvement Projects



The implementation of this Fall's street improvement projects is proceeding despite being hampered by the recent wet weather. Public Works appreciates your patience and understanding throughout this process.

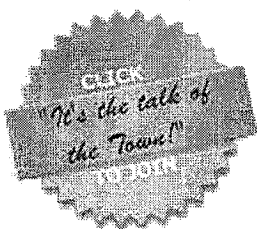
The slurry seal on Esperanza and on Mar West Street between Tiburon Boulevard and Esperanza will be completed this week, weather permitting. This project also includes a new asphalt and concrete pathway from the TPC to the Library. The contractor for this project is Ghilotti Construction.

Chad Monterichard

From: Town Staff [tiburontalk@ci.tiburon.ca.us]
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2007 4:00 PM
To: Chad Monterichard
Subject: Tiburon Talk - The e-Newsletter of the Town of Tiburon

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Nov. 30, 2007

**A WORD FROM THE TOWN MANAGER****Easier E-Waste Disposal:**

Many of us struggle to find a convenient and environmentally appropriate way to dispose of household 'e-waste' such as unwanted printers, televisions or computers. Heretofore, one has had to haul these materials to San Rafael to the County's trash station or to keep an eye out for the occasional drop-off day.

In an effort to make it easier to do the right thing, the Town asked Mill Valley Refuse Service, Tiburon's trash hauler, what they could do to solve the problem. Since they already pick up latex paint, motor oil, oil filters and household batteries, we thought they might be able to expand their service to include e-waste. MVRS responded that they are not permitted to haul this type of waste in the heavily regulated environment in which they function, but promised to see if a permit could be obtained.

Their diligence has paid off: MVRS has now obtained the necessary permission and starting January 2008 will provide FREE CURBSIDE PICK-UP of computers, computer monitors, portable TVs, cell phones, fluorescent light bulbs less than 4' in length and non-empty aerosol cans. Residential customers (no businesses, please) will be able to call 457-9760 to schedule a pick-up. There will be a small charge only if the items are too large to be lifted by one person (like a large TV).

MVRS is still working with the County on the development

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of packaging guidelines for the materials (so that they can safely sit on the curb until pick-up). They will publish these guidelines shortly, and we will repeat the information in a future issue of Tiburon Talk.

I want to issue a big "thank you" to Mill Valley Refuse Service for their positive response to our request and to Councilmember Alice Fredericks who initially brought the idea to our attention and urged us to explore the possibilities.

No December Issue: There will not be a December issue of Tiburon Talk, but we will return to our monthly schedule (or more frequently if circumstances warrant) in January. Thanks to all of you for the feedback on our initial issues... we appreciate it!

Here's wishing you and your circle of family and friends a peaceful and joyous holiday season.

Peggy Curran
Tiburon Town Manager

NEWS BRIEFS

Coming Soon! Reed Ranch Road Acceleration Lane

This traffic safety improvement project, designed to make left turns onto Tiburon Blvd. safer, has been in the making for many years. Public Works is excited to announce that after finally gaining a CALTRANS encroachment permit, the project has been awarded to Ghilotti Brothers, Inc.; work should begin within one month. The improvements will include the installation of an acceleration lane for east-bound motorists turning left onto Tiburon Blvd from Reed Ranch Road by eliminating portions of the center median. New landscaping and traffic control signs will be installed when the work is complete.



We will announce the exact dates of construction once they are determined through signage in the vicinity of the improvements. Although it should not take long to construct and there will not be any road closures, please anticipate traffic delays and adjust your driving routines accordingly. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

Getting the Word Out - Reverse 911

payments are necessary to repay the bond holders; the proceeds of the bond sale for the first assessment remain dedicated to the undergrounding project.

The second assessment district was challenged by the same plaintiffs, joined by the owners of 18 other properties. The Marin Superior Court rejected all but one of these claims. The Town and the plaintiffs agreed to dismiss the remaining claim to expedite review of the rejected claims by the Court of Appeal. The appeal process for this case is just beginning and could take another year, more or less. The bottom line is that resolution of these cases could take some time, thus the project remains on hold for the present.

Kol Shofar Synagogue Expansion Design Approved

The Design Review Board approved the design for the Congregation Kol Shofar synagogue expansion at its meeting on November 15, 2007. The approved plans call for a complete renovation of the existing synagogue building, an 8,420 square foot multi-purpose building addition, a 3,920 square foot classroom addition, additional parking and improved landscaping and pedestrian access throughout the site.



The Tiburon Neighborhood Coalition has filed an appeal of the Design Review Board's approval. The appeal will be heard shortly after the New Year.

Harbor Light Building Proposed to Be Replaced



The "Harbor Light" building, located at 20-22 Main Street, would be demolished and replaced with a new commercial building of similar size, according to an application recently filed by the building's owner, Zelinsky Properties. The Art Deco-style building, currently vacant due to its unsafe condition, was used as a saloon or bar since beyond living memory, until it was converted to retail and office use in about 1993. Local wags say even Prohibition did not faze the liquor-dispensing from the Harbor Light.

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on a dirt or gravel surface which will absorb the soapy water and preclude it running into the street, gutter, or storm drain? Soap, even the biodegradable form, is harmful to aquatic life.

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For more tips and information, try the MCSTOPPP (Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program) or Our Water Our World web sites: www.mcstoppp.org or www.ourwaterourworld.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, December 1 - Landmarks Society Holiday Art & Craft Fair, 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Art and Garden Cottage, 841 Tiburon Boulevard.

Friday, December 7 - Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony, Downtown Fountain Plaza, 5:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Tiburon Peninsula Chamber of Commerce - come for carolers and festivities.

Bel-Tib Library Community Calendar

For the scoop on events and meetings sponsored by local not-for-profit community and government organizations on the Tiburon peninsula, visit the Belvedere-Tiburon Library's excellent [community calendar](#).



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Council and Committee Meetings



Town Council: Dec.5 at 7:30 PM.

Design Review Board: Dec. 6 and

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Feb. 1, 2008



SPECIAL BULLETIN

Partially Treated Sewage Spill into Richardson Bay

The Town has just received the following information from the Marin County Office of Emergency Services:

Last night between the hours of 5:30 - 8:30PM, an accidental release of partially treated sewage and storm water occurred at a sewage treatment facility operated by the Sewerage Agency of Southern Marin located at 450 Sycamore Avenue, Mill Valley. The amount of waste water released is currently estimated at 2.7 millions gallons of partially waste and storm water. The accidental release occurred when a pump at the water treatment facility failed along with an alarm system designed to alert officials of the pump's failure.

The County of Marin has partially activated its Emergency Operations Center for the purpose of providing public safety information and to support and coordinate the response by local officials and monitor the response to this incident. County, State and local officials are coordinating their response to this incident. This includes officials from the Marin County Department of Public Health, Environmental Health Services and the California Department of Fish & Game.

Environmental health officials are currently conducting tests of waters near the accident site to determine the area affected by the spill and any public safety recommendations. Environmental Health Services is posting warning signs at beaches and water fronts on Richardson Bay warning people of the contamination.

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- [County of Marin, 3rd District](#)

Although public boating has not been effected by the spill, the Marin County Public Health Officer and the Department of Environmental Health is warning the public to avoid any physical contact with bay water or sport fishing in and around the Richardson Bay area until further notice.

The Marin County Office of Emergency Services will provide updates on the Marin Sheriff's website at:

www.marinsheriff.org

The Town is posting potentially affected areas; we will distribute another bulletin if the level of threat increases or if additional precautions become necessary.

Thank you,

Town Staff

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who left the Town to take a building inspection position with the City of Mill Valley. Mr. Dailey comes to the Town with a wealth of experience in other California communities, including the City of Seaside and City of Kerman. He is a licensed contractor who has owned and operated his own construction firm, Dailey Construction Company, since 1974. Mr. Dailey also taught Building Trades courses at the high school level for several years. Expect to see Mr. Dailey driving the building inspection pick-up throughout Town while making his inspections.

Detour on Tiburon Boulevard
 Wednesday, March 5 from 10 AM-1 PM

Due to the trimming of vegetation encroaching on the travel way,

Mill Valley Refuse Service offers all of its customers FREE curbside pickup of many household hazardous wastes. The list of items has always included household batteries (no car batteries), latex paint (no oil-based paints), motor oil and oil filters. In the November 30 issue of *Tiburon Talk*, we reported that Mill Valley Refuse Service was working to expand this list to include e-waste and would provide us with guidelines for pickup.

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The rules for curb-side storage are simple: computers, monitors and printers can just be left at the curb; batteries, bulbs, cell phones should be sealed in plastic or paper bags; paint must be in sealed containers **with original labels**; oil should be in sealed containers and oil filters in sealed, ziplock plastic bags.

Customers must call the MVRS office in advance to schedule a pickup (457-9760). There is no limit on the number of times you may use this service during the year. Sorry, this is limited to residential customers and is not available to businesses.

Visit the MVRS website at www.millvalleyrefuseservice.com to read more.

There is also a FREE drop-off site for MVRS customers of other household hazardous waste products not listed above (examples are oil-based paints, pesticides, swimming pool chemicals, VCR's, answering machines and radios). It is located behind the Marin Recycling Center at 565 Jacoby Street in San Rafael. A photo ID is required to verify where you live. Businesses must make an appointment to drop off waste products but residents may go at any time during business hours. For more information, call 485-6806; businesses should call 485-5648.

Thank you, Mill Valley Refuse Service!

New Retaining Wall South of McKegney Green



Maggiora & Ghilotti is slated to begin replacement of the deteriorated wood retaining wall just south of McKegney Green on the multi-use path (MUP)

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11/19: Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program 06-07 Annual Report

The MCSTOPPP 2006-2007 Annual Report has been submitted to the Regional Water Board on behalf of Marin's eleven cities and towns and unincorporated Marin County. This fulfills the annual reporting requirements described in the 1995 Regional Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay Basin (Basin Plan) and the Phase II NPDES General Permit.

The 06-07 Annual Report is online here: [MCSTOPPP](#)

11/13: Bay Oil Spill Update

Marin County continues to work with State and Federal agencies in response to last week's 58,000 gallon oil spill in San Francisco Bay. The Marin County Emergency Operations Center remained activated today to assist with the coordination of response efforts within the county.

Aerial and water reconnaissance was conducted today and revealed that most of the oil has now dissipated. The only sheen of oil observed within county waters was located in Raccoon Strait between Angel Island and Tiburon. Small amounts of oil were located on Agate and RCA Beaches, which will be picked up by the responders working on those beaches. However, no additional oil was identified off the Marin County coastline or in Drake's Estero in the Point Reyes National Seashore. Clean-up crews have focused particular efforts on Muir Beach, Tennessee Valley Beach, and Rodeo Beach given the extent of oil washed up on these beaches.

By 1 p.m., estimates put the spill at 140 gallons of fuel but by 10 p.m., that amount was upgraded to approximately 58,000 gallons. The National Park Service has closed six beaches due to the spill: Chrissy Field, China Beach, Backer Beach, Rodeo Beach Kirby Cove, and Black Sands Beach in Marin. Reports have placed a sheen as far north as Dillon Beach and as far south as Hunters Point. The impact to wildlife is unknown at this time. Signs have been posted along our shoreline warning the public not to enter the water and restrict pets from entering.

The State has posted additional information about volunteer opportunities at the CaliforniaVolunteers website at [California Volunteers](#). Marin County is not actively encouraging individuals to act on their own due to

[Oiled Wildlife Care Network](#): 415-701-2311

[Marin Human Society](#): 415-883-4621

[Wildcare](#): 415-456-7283

[Audobon Society](#): 415-388-2524

Lynn Skillings

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Cc: Lueder, Jennifer
Subject: CALENDARS ARE HERE

For those of you who have not yet contacted Jennifer about receiving calendars, please do so. Or, go to the loading dock at the County Mail Room this week. They are waiting for you! Happy Holidays.

P.S. If you can't get anyone to pick them up, let me know and we'll try to arrange something for you. Thanks much!

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Lynn Skillings

From: Lynn Skillings
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2008 2:56 PM
To: allTownHall
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Subject: Eco-Friendly Garden Tour Site - Volunteer needed May 17th

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Subject: New Workshop Series for Landscape Community

Hi All - MCSTOPPP will be offering a 7-week course on Bay-Friendly Landscaping for public and private landscapers involved in municipal landscapes, schools, parks, gardens, and commercial and residential landscapes. Please send the attached registration/information form to the appropriate people in your municipality - and to others in the private sector that you think might be interested. THANKS!

P.S. I hope your municipality will grant flex-time to interested staff who would benefit from this "hands-on" program. Classes will meet once a week for 7 weeks: every Thursday from March 6 - April 17 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. <<FINAL FLIER.pdf>>

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DIANE SMITH

Several local residents are helping with the First Graduate event, which this year is honoring Carol Bartz, Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of AutoDesk. The 2008 Cap & Gown Gala fundraiser is being held Friday, May 16, from 6 to 10 p.m. at San Francisco City Hall. First Graduate gives underprivileged youths the tools to succeed in high school and to go to college. This year, students in the program have been accepted to schools such as Harvard and Stanford and all UC schools. For tickets to the event or to make a donation, call 561-6826 or go to www.capandgowngala.org. (L. to r.) Jennifer Barker, Melanie Paddad, Carolyn Lund, Ann-Eve Hazen, Chris Telischak, Faith Spindler and Chris Decker (front).

more than 1,000 injured and orphaned animals each spring. Among them are baby squirrels, which like to snuggle in hammocks hanging in their cages. Wild-Care needs public support to provide the necessary resources for its little charges and is seeking sponsors for groups of baby animals.

Sponsorships, which make great gifts, include an e-card featuring the baby animal of your choice, or a print-and-fold PDF card for Mother's Day that you can download. Donations of \$50 or more include a one-year WildCare membership and an invitation to its Mother's Day event for the whole family.

Go to www.wildcarebayarea.org and click on "donate now" to sponsor a hammock of baby squirrels or the group of babies of your choice or to make a donation.



Members of the Tiburon Wine Festival last minute plans for the Silver Anniversary to be held on Saturday, May 17, at Point Tiburon Plaza. The popular event is on in advance. (Back row, l. to r.) Chris Michael Gornet, Lisa Bilbao, Marygelo Servino. (Front) Cathy Spratlin, Shana Lynch and Steve Sears.

Garden Tour: Learn Some Eco-Friendly Tips

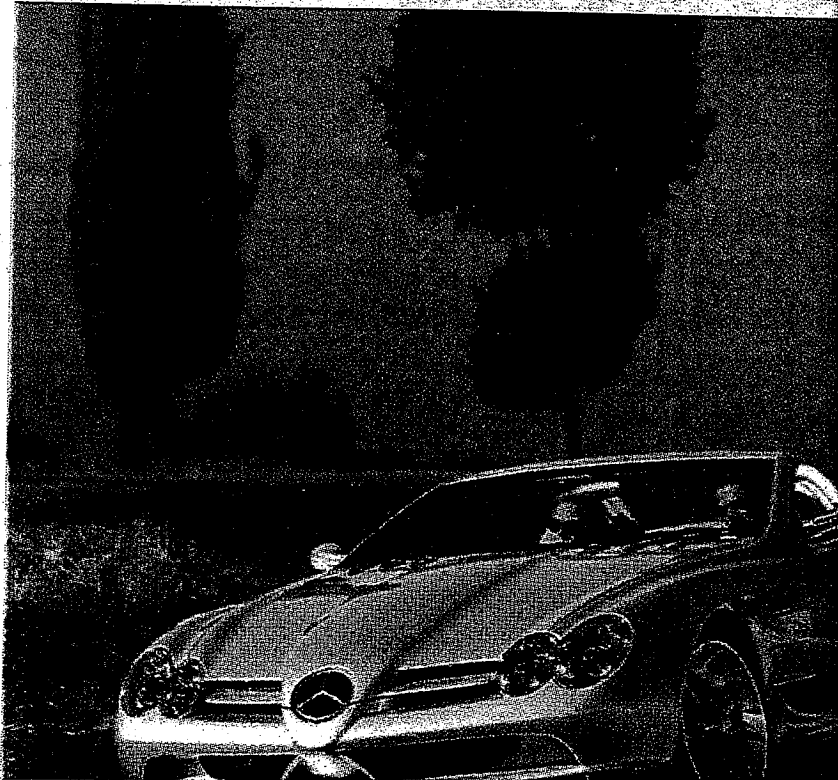
The Marin County Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program has teamed up with College of Marin and the Marin Art and Garden Center to host the Eco-Friendly Garden Tour from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 17. The self-guided tour of 10 gardens in Marin includes one in Tiburon. The cost is \$15. To register call Gina, 499-3202.

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San Rafael, CA
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www.equinox-landscape.com

Initial one-hour free design consultation is offered by this participating Landscape Designer.

Description: This impressive hillside garden blends in with its natural environment and uses NO PESTICIDES, HERBICIDES, FUNGICIDES, OR CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS and features extensive xeriscape plants and permeable surfaces that keep water on site. Deer-resistant, native and mediterranean plants cover the upper hillside along the drive. Also, featured is a 3 ton Petrified Wood water fountain.

What to look for in this Garden:

Permeable Surfaces Reduce Runoff from the Property and controls erosion

– The paver driveway is set on sand so that water can percolate through the cracks and recharge the water table instead of running off into the storm drain system and then into the bay. *Decomposed granite and flagstone stepping stones set on sand* are used in other walkways as permeable surfaces, as well.

Beautiful, one-of-a-kind Water Feature inspired by owner: This fountain features a block of Petrified Wood that is several thousand year old. Water cascades over the top of the stone to highlight its rich colors. It provides water for the various birds and beneficial insects that make their home in this garden or come to visit occasionally

Erosion-control Grasses were used to stabilize hillside - Grasses with deep roots to hold the hillside soils were chosen for use in this landscape.

Drought Tolerant Plants – Some Natives and non-invasive Mediterranean plants – all drought-tolerant - were used primarily in this garden! The plants were selected to provide color throughout the four seasons while using little water.

To provide greenery all year round, some drought-tolerant , evergreen shrubs , such as Tree Mallow, were used.

Attracting Wildlife - Nectar plants and non-invasive Mediterranean's were chosen to attract wildlife. Fluttering in and out of the garden we see **hummingbirds** and **butterflies** attracted by the various kinds of salvias, penstemon, yarrows, coral bells, rockrose, buddleia, lavenders, daylilies, and wild buckwheat.

The diversity of plants attracts **beneficial insects** that prey on garden pests – a natural method of pest control!

Rocks were added throughout the garden for habitat for **salamanders, lizards, and snakes**.

Drip irrigation system and Smart “ET” Timer are used in the dry season to reduce water usage. Also, there is no high-water-using lawn in this garden.

Drainage for patio: Rain water runs off the flagstone patio into the planter beds to provide additional filtration of water before it is channeled into the creek below the property.

Weeds are manually-pulled each season because herbicides are not used in this garden. Sheet mulching was initially performed to control weeds and build soil.

Plants Purchased from: Various Marin and Sonoma County nurseries were used for purchasing the plants

Directions:

Going North on Highway 101

Take the 131 Tiburon Blvd./E. Blithedale exit
Turn right onto Tiburon Blvd. At off-ramp
Turn left onto Reed Ranch Rd. across from Blackie's Pasture
Follow Reed Ranch Rd to the top of the hill to house #100.

Going South on Highway 101

Take the 131 Tiburon Blvd./E. Blithedale exit
Turn left onto Tiburon Blvd. At off-ramp
Turn left onto Reed Ranch Rd. across from Blackie's Pasture
Follow Reed Ranch Rd to the top of the hill to house # 100.

Bathroom hint if needed: Located down the hill at Bell Market in the Cove Shopping Center has a clean public bathroom.

Other Gardens Nearby

257 Buena Vista, Mill Valley – Go Straight down Tiburon Blvd., headed for the Freeway. Cross over freeway and you're on E Blithedale. Go approximately 1.5 miles. Right on Carmelita to the end. Right on Buena Vista. Stay to left as it

goes up a short hill toward the golf club. Driveway to your left. Park on Buena Vista.

333 Lowell, Mill Valley – Get on Freeway and head South. Get off at Stinson Beach exit. Follow directions in this Tour Guide.

810 Spring Street, Sausalito – Follow signs from Highway 101 South

Free Materials at this Garden:

- Choosing a Landscape Professional.
- The 10 Most Wanted Bugs in Your Garden
- Groundworks

IMPORTANT! Read BEFORE May 17, 2008

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION - TAKE THIS WITH YOU!

OPENING & CLOSING – It's up to you if you want to open the garden earlier than 10. People will no doubt be waiting in line before 10 - it happened last year! If you can accommodate them with an early start, they'll be very happy. It's up to you. People will also show up right at 2 p.m.. Again, it's up to you if you want to stay open. Last year, a number of volunteers stayed open after closing time because anxious registrants were racing in. Remember, they only have 4 hours to see 14 gardens – and a lot of them try to get as many in as they can!

Bathrooms - The public has been informed that all houses are off limits. The only bathroom available is at the Marin Art & Garden Center, 30 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. (at the corner of SFD and Lagunitas Road) in Ross.

If a volunteer must use the bathroom, ask the Landscaper if it's okay to use the one in the house. Be aware that the owner may not be present and the house may be locked. In this event, you will either need to find a nearby restaurant or take a break and go to the Art & Garden Center. See "Need Something?" below.

Shirts - Wear your shirt. (No, we don't sell them, in case anyone asks.)

Parking - Spaces are REALLY limited at some gardens! PLEASE arrange, with other volunteers who will be working at "your" garden, to carpool to the site so you only take up one space (especially if your garden is in the hills)! A roster of volunteers and phone numbers is attached in this e-mail. You can call me with questions: 499-3202.

Signage – The gardens may be hard to find. **Please** take the signs that are given to you and **post them in key areas as you drive to your garden – as well as the vicinity of your garden.** Remember, not everyone lives in Marin and getting around can be confusing. Be sure to put up the **GARDEN TOUR** sign at the entrance.

Counting Participants – Please have one volunteer responsible for keeping track of the number of people that visit the garden. Don't count children/babies that can be held in their parent's arms. **EVERYONE** else should be counted. At the end of the day, we just want to know how many people went through each garden.

Garden Passes - Each participant **MUST** have one. If not, they must pay the \$15 admission and complete a registration form on site. If they said they forgot their pass at home, check to see if their name is on the roster. If it is, give them another badge. These rosters need to be submitted to the College so please be sure to return them at the end of your shift.

When you're checking their Garden pass, check to see if it has a colored dot on it (colors of the dots may vary but it doesn't matter). If they have a colored dot, they're free to roam the garden. If they do **NOT** have a colored dot, they must complete the liability waiver form before going into the garden. (See "Waivers" below.)

If someone asks to get in free, that's fine but they **MUST** complete a liability waiver first.

The **Tour Guide Booklets** (that offer directions to each of the gardens) are limited. If someone pays on site and they are with someone who has already signed up, ask if they can both use the same booklet.

Paying On-Site - To pay onsite, put their name and address on the sheet that is attached to the "Money Envelope" provided at each garden. Put their money in the envelope. If they pay by check, have it made out to College of Marin. If they want to pay by **credit card**, they will have to complete the form from the College. You **ONLY** need to use the form if they pay by credit card. You don't need a credit card machine – just verify the info they put on the form.

Waivers - All participants **MUST** complete a liability waiver before entering their first garden – whether they were given a complimentary ticket or whether they paid. It was mailed to each participant with their Garden Pass. They were instructed to complete it and turn it in on their first garden visit. You'll have extra copies of this form in case someone forgot to bring it. Completion of the form is mandatory per the College of Marin. When someone gives you a completed liability waiver, place a "dot" on their name tag. This will let the volunteers in subsequent gardens know that the waiver has been completed and returned – and the registrant is free to look at future gardens.

Evaluations and Free "Bay-Friendly" Book – Toward the end of the day, remind people to please complete an evaluation if it's the last garden they intend to visit that day. They should have copies of the evaluations with them but if they forgot, you'll be given extras. If you run out, ask them to make comments on any piece of paper that might be around – we're not fussy (grin)!

After someone completes an evaluation and turns it in to you, offer them a *Bay-Friendly Garden Guide* and **REMINDE THEM ABOUT THE PLANT SALE AND GUIDED-TOUR OF THE ART & GARDEN CENTER TOMORROW – IT'S ALL IN THEIR GUIDE BOOK.**

The Marin Art and Garden Center will not be checking name tags at that event so they don't have to worry about bringing their passes.

If you run out of *Bay-Friendly* books, they can turn in their evaluations at the Art & Garden Center tomorrow and pick up a book there; or, we can mail it to them. If they want it mailed, you'll need to get their name and mailing address. The best thing to do would be to make a note of it in the Journal.

Free Materials - Every garden has individual items that are available free of charge, at that garden. Make sure they are displayed prominently on your registration table or nearby. If someone wants something that is only available through another garden (and they're not planning on going to that garden), place their name and address in the "Journal" provided and indicate what they want. We'll mail it to them.

Journal – Each site will have a journal. If someone has a question or concern that you cannot address that day, please mark it in the journal and return the journal with left-over materials (see End of the Day). The Journal is also a place to write the names and addresses of people wanting, and not receiving, a book in exchange for their evaluation.

Need Something - If you run out of something, need a bathroom break or "whatever", call Gina on her cell phone: 497-9772. Do NOT leave a message – PLEASE JUST CALL BACK!

End of the Day – Unless you have made prior arrangements with Gina, please box up all the excess materials and supplies (including rosters, evaluations, waivers, and checks) and bring them to the Bon-Air Shopping Center. The "Caring for Our Creeks" van will be parked near Longs Drugs. You'll have no trouble recognizing it – it has murals all over it! The van will stay until 4 p.m. or until every garden is accounted for.

**PROBLEMS? CALL GINA AT 497-9772
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THANKS A BUNCH!