WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Friday, January 12

PAT HULL
Live indie folk & rock music, Smiley’s, 9pm, $5

Saturday, January 13

SOUP SATURDAY
Free lunch, all welcome, St. Aidan’s, noon

OPENING RECEPTION
"You Are Here: Exploring the Map” exhibit at Stinson Beach Library, 2-4pm

GRATEFUL DEAD NIGHT #7
Fundraiser for Pablo Hernandez, Community Center, doors open for food and open mic at 5pm, screening of July 4th, ’89 concert at 8pm, $10

Monday, January 15

CELEBRATE MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.
at the Bolinas Commons; readings, videos of MLK speeches, crafts, music snacks and... 1-5pm by donation.

Tuesday, January 16

THE ORIGINAL DISNEY JUNGLE BOOK (1967)
Family movie night at the Bolinas Commons, 6pm $5 donation.

Wednesday, January 17

BCPUD MEETING OF THE BOARD
7:30 PM 270 Elm Road.

Sunday, January 20

SPAGHETTI BINGO
Fundraiser for the Bolinas Children’s Center. Dinner 5-7pm, Bingo at 7:30pm, Community Center

HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January 13: Jan Broek
Raury Pierce
Anny Owens Densmore

January 14: Cassie Matson Kostelnik
Olivia Harmon

January 15: Russ Riviere Jr.
Sky Road Webb

January 16: Adrienne Pfeiffer
Carol Harmon

TODAY'S HEARSAY MADE BY
JEFF MANSON: PASTE UP & PRINTING
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Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. at the Bolinas Commons on Monday.

Readings from favorite speeches
Streaming live MLK speeches
Crafts
Music
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Let us know: email hello@bolinascommons.org

Monday, January 15, 1PM – 5PM

Reconstruction and Recovery - The Post-Civil War South 01/12/2018 - 1:30pm to 3:15pm
Reconstruction and Recovery: The Post-Civil War South Old Dixie was shocked and humiliated by her unexpected defeat at the hands of the detested Yankees. Incredibly, "The Chivalry" had been beaten by soulless, materialistic Northerners. How would the loyal sons and daughters of the Confederacy react to the Unthinkable? Carry on the struggle, or join the modern world and create a commercial, urban culture where cotton and sugar cane once grew? This class will trace the moral and political struggle post-war Southerners faced in the wake of utter ruin.  Mick Chantler, MA has been a student and instructor of early American studies for over forty years. He currently teaches at several Bay Area Lifelong Learning Programs, including Sonoma State University, Dominican University, U.C. Berkeley and U.C. Davis. Additionally, Mick teaches in the Road Scholars Program, and at many Senior Citizen Centers throughout the North Bay. His primary interests include the Revolutionary and Civil War eras, but he also has lectured on Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy. Mick is a member of several scholarly organizations, including the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, the Lincoln Forum, and the Society for American Baseball Research. He has lived in Sonoma California for over fifty years.

Puerto Rico - Two Months Later 01/13/2018 - 7:00pm to 8:30pm
Join Carlos Porrata as he discusses the experience of his recent trip to Puerto Rico and reports back his findings two months after the devastation of Hurricane Maria. Photo presentation, questions and answers, and an update. Among the images, “Puente de los Olvidados” (the Bridge of the Forgotten). The image shows a human chain of families from the town of Ponce bringing food, water, and other supplies to the families of the isolated community on the other side of the bridge. This barrio in Utuado was completely isolated for weeks on end, and they still are. An important community education event not to be missed.
Located in Main Hall
TBD - Mesa Refuge Event 01/14/2018 - 3:00pm to 5:00pm
Proposed Ballot to Increase the Transient Occupancy Tax in West Marin

by Dennis Rodoni

Visitors are drawn to West Marin by its natural beauty and the region’s unique and historical attractions. Tourism is vital to Marin’s economy. Visitors have continued to visit West Marin and it has become more popular with each passing year. In conjunction with the California Coastal Commission’s mandate to provide accommodations to our visitors, the reality is that the tourism industry is stressing County resources and in particular, negatively impacting West Marin residents.

Accommodations aimed at the tourism industry affects available housing (which leads to a reduction in full-time residents and subsequent difficulty in finding/retaining employees for local businesses), increases demand on County infrastructure, (from overcrowding on our roads to overflowing toilets), and stresses our already overly burdened services (from trash clean-up, law enforcement, safety personnel, and the volunteer fire departments). The Tourism industry, although lucrative, represents a delicate balance Marin must navigate in order to both prosper and to preserve our communities and our quality of life.

Concurrently, the size of West Marin contributes to the stress on our infrastructure and County services. West Marin is vast and expensive to maintain. For example, West Marin accounts for 89% of the total County geographic area for fire coverage, and 58% of fire calls originate and serve West Marin. Additionally, 47% of the total 421 miles of County maintained roads are in West Marin.

To help mitigate the impact of tourism, I am offering a proposed ballot measure to increase the Transient Occupancy Tax (or “TOT”) in West Marin. The TOT is a tax on those that rent accommodations for a temporary period in the unincorporated areas of Marin County, defined as less than 30 days. The current TOT rate in Marin is 10%. It is important to note the TOT is not a tax on the business operator; it is a tax on the tourist, which is collected by the operator on behalf of the county. The county has generated on average 3.4 million dollars a year in TOT revenue. This represents a little less than 1% of total general fund revenue.

West Marin generates approximately 75% of Marin’s total TOT as it contains the highest concentration of short-term rentals as a tourist “hot spot.”

The money generated goes directly into the County’s general fund, meaning there is no specific designated use of the funds. Similar to property tax, sales tax, or a business license, this type of revenue helps fund a variety of county services. For example, in the past the funds were used for public parks, historical and environmental preservation, and improvements to infrastructure. The TOT also supplements crucial services that our residents depend on. The revenue helps fund fire protection and road maintenance.

Under a new proposed ballot measure, the suggested increase in the TOT rate from 10% to 15% will pertain only to West Marin, while the rest of the County will remain at the 10% rate. The 5% increase in revenue will not go into the general fund and instead will directly fund what the Department of Finance has designated as the “West Marin Tax Area” (which encompasses Muir Beach to Dillon Beach, Nicasio to the top of Big Rock ranch, and the San Geronimo Valley to the top of White’s Hill). Under the proposed ballot measure, three percent of the five percent of the additional funds collected shall be allocated for long-term housing. Two percent of the additional funds collected shall be allocated for fire and emergency services, which will be split between the volunteer fire departments and the Marin County Fire Department for use within the West Marin Tax Area. In order to ensure local control, an advisory group consisting of West Marin residents, West Marin business leaders, and county staff will monitor the distribution of funds. This proposed ballot measure to increase the TOT would require a two-thirds majority vote as it is a measure to increase tax.

During my campaign in 2016, meetings and one-on-ones throughout the 4th District last year, and through Senator McGuire’s community forum and working groups, we have consistently heard that, as your representatives, we need to do more to assure our communities remain vibrant with sustainable schools, employee housing, and adequate services for residents and visitors.

As your supervisor, it is my duty to find a solution to our communities’ complex problems. This proposed TOT increase is one way to address the impact of tourism in West Marin. While this proposed ballot is just in the planning stages, I recognize it will not solve all of our issues. However, these new funds could be a good start.

This is just the beginning of the work we have ahead of us. Please note I am open to other solutions and I look forward to speaking with you regarding this matter.

Please feel free to call me at (415) 473-7331 or email me at DRodoni@marincounty.org if you like to discuss this proposal.

- submitted by Evan Wilhelm

The Original Disney Jungle Book (1967)
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I’ve been having fun this week, working on a set with The West Marin Grateful Dead Appreciation Society for Dead Night 7’s Open Mic (happening at the BCC this Saturday the 13th @ 5PM).

We’ve been going deep, pulling this wonderful music apart to see how it works. I thought you might get a kick out of this bit of minutia I pulled from the Internet while studying the seemingly simple song, “Deal”.

We start off with an A, and end up with C#7. This right here, is a key change. Jerry Garcia likes to think of the C#7 and the F#m chords as a V-i progression in F#m, and we know that, by the chord tones and scales that he uses in this solo.

Then we’re briefly back to the key of A for two chords, and then we have a passing chord, D#dim that is outside the key of A. This diminished chord almost tricks the ear into thinking that we’re going from D to E, but we’re not. We’re going back home to A.

By the time we get to that A, we have already changed keys twice. Once from A to the C#7, once from the F#m to the E.

In the next four bars, we have one key change going from A to F# then we’re in the key of B, then we’re back going back to the key of A for the D chord.

That leaves us with 5 key changes in 8 measures. A song like this is challenging for many soloists because each new key presents a different set of notes to work with.

-from Amarguitar.com

Makes my head spin, thinking about what we are trying to do, so maybe it is best not to think too much about it and just let the music play...

Regardless, I hope to see you Saturday; Let’s dance together! No matter your opinion of the Dead, these real Community gatherings are always a lot of Fun with Everybody playing the Heart of Gold Band...

Open mic and 5-7pm + Dinner and Shakedown vendors, screening of July 4th, 1989, Buffalo, New York at 8pm.
$10, to benefit a local family in need. —Jeff Manson
DEAR NEIGHBORS,

We are aware that some of you have been concerned about the little trailer on Terrace and may even have already felt a need to call the sheriff.

With this letter we hope to enlist your support in our attempt to help a lovely elder who is homeless and very much in need of shelter in this cold and wet weather.

So far Senior Services has only been able to provide her a sleeping bag. This means that for the moment she is lucky to have been given the small trailer by a local man who understood her plight and wanted to help.

Although of course there is no heat in the trailer at least she is not as wet and cold as she would be outside. Over time we are hoping to be able to find another option for her. There are some possibilities being explored.

Meanwhile, her name is Najma and we hope you will find it in your hearts to simply allow her to have this shelter parked on the street where she can with her disability (a painful hip that needs repair) access the public facilities & feel a little safer.

If you have concerns perhaps you could voice them directly to her? Or perhaps speak with someone who has befriended her. The trailer definitely needs at least a coat of paint to make it easier on the eye and there is a plan afoot to get help for that.

Again we know this is not a permanent solution and efforts are underway to get her settled where she can really have a home. In Marin this can be quite difficult as there is currently no Senior Housing available.

Thanks for being part of compassionate community.

-Martine Algier
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A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 17, 2018 7:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order.

2. Roll.

   -- Update on the Terrace Avenue Bluff Stabilization Project.
   -- Update on the East Tank Rehabilitation Project.
   -- Update on the Wastewater Pump Station Upgrade and Pond Recirculation Project.
   -- Update on the BCPUD’s Fire Fuel Reduction Project: Proposal for Biological Assessment of Project Site.
   -- Drainage Report.

4. Community Expression

5. Request for Financial Relief from Quarterly Water Bill pursuant to BCPUD Resolution 553 – 4 Hillside Road (T. Dibble).

6. Request for Financial Relief from Quarterly Water Bill pursuant to BCPUD Resolution 553 – 49 Terrace Avenue (K. Finanaga).

7. Request to Remove Hazardous Trees from the Dogwood Road Right-of-Way at Elm. (M. Cavette).

8. Update on Parking Enforcement Concerns in Bolinas; Report on Meeting with County of Marin Officials; Recommendations for Action – BCPUD’s Vehicle Habitation Committee.

9. West Marin Transient Occupancy Tax: Proposal to Increase Current Tax in West Marin from 10% to 15% to be Dedicated to Affordable Housing, Fire and Emergency Services in the Designated Area.

10. Amendment to BCPUD Resolution 609: to Provide that the Re-Activation Fee Applicable to Suspended Water Service Connections Does Not Apply to Affordable Housing Customers; Amendment to BCPUD Ordinance 38: to Provide that the Obligation to Pay Water Meter Relocation Fees and Costs for a Transferred Water Meter Does Not Apply to Transfers Requested to Serve Affordable Housing Customers.


12. Election of BCPUD Board Officers/Committee Assignments.


15. Volunteer Committee Reports:
   -- Bolinas Lagoon Advisory Committee:
   -- Downtown Parking & Traffic Committee:
   -- Resource Recovery:
   -- West Marin Mosquito Control Coordinating Council:
   -- Land Stewardship Committee:
   -- Internet Access Committee:
   -- Vehicle Habitation Committee:

16. Other Business:
   a. Board Committee Reports.
      -- Finance:
      -- Legal:
      -- Mesa Septic, Flood Control and Roads:
      -- Operations:
      -- Park and Recreation:
      -- Personnel:
      -- Sewer:
   b. Minutes of the December 20, 2017 regular Board meeting.
   c. Warrants.
   d. Scheduling of Next Meeting(s):

17. Adjournment.
misty morning, walking to the bcpud, 1-12-17 - Jeff Manson

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