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"LIZ GRACE" BY VAN WAKING

WHAT'S INSIDE:

- 'Bolinas Reads' Interview with the one and only Liz Grace
- Botanical art show at Post office
- info on voting
- bizarre echium sighting in our neighborhood



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Friday, June 1

KENT ISLAND RESTORATION

Meet @ Wharf Rd dock, 10am-2pm. RSVP Greg Reza, 473-3778

PAT HULL

Live indie-folk & rock music @ Smiley's, 9pm, \$5

Saturday, June 2

ORIGINAL MINDS

Sean Thackrey, winemaker and photographer will talk about his current exhibition at the Bolinas Museum on the radio with Elia Haworth 9am, KWMR 89.9

FREE COUNTY PARKS

Admission waived under 'First Saturday' program.

PARACHUTE DAYS

Music Festival @ Love Field, tickets at folkyeah.com, 1-10pm

WESTERN WEEKEND

Summer celebration in Pt Reyes: 4-H Farm awards, salsa contest, West Marin Choir, taco dinner, w/ evening Barn Dance in Toby's Feed Barn, 7:30pm

COMOLOCO

Live Latin music & more @ Smiley's, 9pm, \$10

THE HAGGARDS

At the Old Western Saloon for Western Weekend, 9pm

Sunday, June 3

WESTERN WEEKEND PARADE

Starts at noon, Pt Reyes, followed by food & live music (Void Where Prohibited/El radio Fantastique, @ Old Western Saloon)

BCLT (LAND TRUST)

Meeting of the Board, 10am, followed by Ice cream social & quilt drawing (12-2pm) at Community Center

HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

June 2: Valent Matson Kostelnik

June 3: Buckminster James Reed
Tony DiStasi

June 4: Steve Rosenberg
Ole Mole Poblano
Tommy Glavey
Perry Shimon

NOTICE: PHOEBE HUNT OPENING AT FARMSTAND CANCELLED

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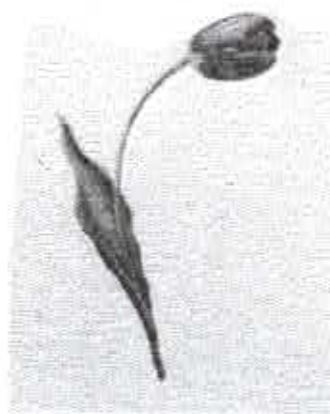
Check out the most recent (and fantastic)

COLOR WORK

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June 2018



- Artists:
- Ashley Ratcliffe
 - Betsyann Gallagher
 - Bobbi Likover
 - Heather Clapp
 - Judith Lowry
 - Judith Shaw
 - Judy Stemen
 - Marisa Willow
 - Meg Simonds
 - Vera Louie



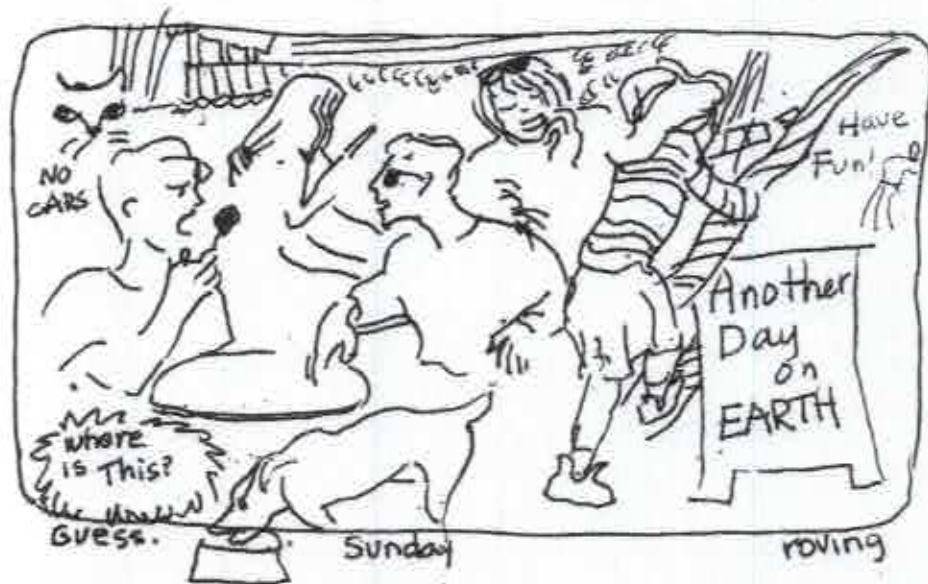
(Not all students' work is exhibited as not all students are working in color.)

Molly Brown - Instructor



Opening: Saturday June 9th, 5pm, in the parking lot :)
All welcome

Red Flame, tulip by Bobbi Likover



ERRATA!

Hi Michael et al.,

Thanks for putting my piece in the hearsay. The only change I'd ask you to note is that "Luddy" should have been spelled "Letty."

And thanks for keeping our local news available in its inimitable Bolinas style.

Best to all,
Genie McNaughton

TWO PERFORMANCES COMING UP

I don't get many chances to appear locally but fate has delivered these opportunities cheek by jowl.

On Friday 6/1 I'll be at the Mill Valley Library doing a personal story. It's free but register at After Hours Naked Truth.

And on Tues. 6/5 I'll be at the Wu Wei Tea Temple in Fairfax with a solo evening of favorite folktales. It starts at 7 pm.

Hope you can come!

—Neshama Franklin

Temporarily Closed to
Greenwaste Drop-Off

Beginning Monday, May 28th, the Bolinas-Stinson Resource Recovery Project ("RRP") will not be accepting greenwaste drop off and will be closed for an unknown period of time. The company that transports the equipment used to grind up the greenwaste is currently unable to get the grinder to the RRP site while Highway One is being repaired (near Five Brooks in Olema). Once the equipment can be brought out to the RRP site, and the greenwaste currently on the site can be ground, we will return to our regular operating hours. In the meantime, you can bring greenwaste to the following businesses: West Marin Compost, 5575 Nicasio Valley Rd., Nicasio, CA 94946. 415 662 9849 or Greenwaste Recycle Yard 2550 Garden Tract Rd, Richmond CA 94801.

Although individuals and businesses will not be able to drop off at the site until the grinder arrives, the garbage company, Recology Sonoma-Marin, **WILL be able to drop off any greenwaste collected in the green bins. Please continue to use your greenwaste bins provided by our garbage company as usual.**

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Aitken at 415-868-1796.

Sincerely,

Belle Wood
Bolinas Community Public Utility District



Interviewed by Jane Silva
Portrait by Van Waring

BOLINAS
READS

LIZ GRACE

BOLINAS READS: A Monthly reader interview

Liz Grace is a long time resident of Bolinas, and avid reader. She can often be found in the Bolinas library requesting a book. A former high school teacher of English and Special Ed, she produced four documentary films about her special needs daughter, Lily. Three of the films have been consolidated into one DVD, *Down Syndrome: A Longitudinal View of Life with Down Syndrome*. The second DVD is entitled, *Lily: We are all getting older*. They can be found in the Bolinas Library and are published by Davidsonfilms.com.

What books are on your nightstand?

The Ground Beneath Her Feet by Salman Rushdie
Philosophy and Social Hope by Richard Rorty
Kafka on the Shore by Haruki Murakami
Motherless Brooklyn by Jonathan Lethem
Literary theory: an introduction by Terry Eagleton

What are you reading right now?

At the moment, I am reading the last act of Anthony and Cleopatra for Hanford's Shakespeare class. Hanford Woods, a Bolinas resident has been offering this class for the last 3 years and is a former professor of Shakespeare from Montreal. So far, the group has read about fifteen plays.

How do you like to read? What format and do you read one at a time?

I usually read two books at a time. I've never read eBooks but I used to listen to audio books in the car while driving. As you know, living out here in Bolinas requires a lot of driving for errands, appointments etc. However, lately I haven't been listening to audio books in the car as I'm feeling that as I age that it takes all my concentration to drive.

How do you find books? Do you browse in the library?

In the past, I did browse in the library but now I often find out about books that I am interested in through the NY Times Book Review as well as reviews on the radio.

Are there books that you re-read; enjoy returning to?
I'm more apt to re-read these days. Some of my favorite authors to go back to are Henry James, James Joyce, Jane Austen and Proust. Some of these authors are not easy but also not as hard as some people may think. I'm currently re-reading Evelyn Waugh, *Men at Arms* (trilogy).

Did you have favorite books as a child?

As a child? I did not grow up in a house full of books. There were mostly newspapers and magazines. I got into serious reading in high school and college. Although I do remember the book, *Little Woman*, by Louisa May Alcott, which stood out in my childhood.

Looking back, were there any books that left a big impression on you in your 20s?

Well, I first read Jane Austen and James Joyce in my 20s. Oh, and Edith Wharton; loved all those books like *New York Stories*. These writers were so perfect that it made me realize I would never be a writer. I wanted to be able to write that well and I felt that I would never be able to reach that level of perfection so I became a reader and teacher of English.

Henry Miller was in the news at the time and I actually brought his banned books back from Europe in my raincoat pocket, much to the dismay of my lawyer husband at the time. Actually, he was terrified but I have to say I did not like the books at all.

What's the last book you recommended to a friend?

Cloud Atlas by David Mitchell and anything by Don DeLillo. I loved all the Knausgaard books, (*My Struggle*) and read all five. I would be inclined to recommend them to friends but people are very particular about what they like to read so he is not for everyone. Oh, and also anything by Nicolas Baker. I plan to read Meg Wolitzer next, *The Female Persuasion*.

Do you have any favorite characters?

Shakespeare. But I would also say, Elizabeth Bennet (*Pride and Prejudice*), Stephen Daedalus, (*Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man* and *Ulysses*), and women in the Henry James novels. I have read a lot of the Russian novels and particularly like *Anna Karenina*.

I know you like the classics but how about contemporary works?

Any new Claire Messud, Rachael Kusk or Haruki Murakami. I recently read *Strangers in Their Own Land* by Arlie Hochschild.

Are there any books you've always meant to read?

I guess that's what you could call a guilt list and I don't have one, although I have started Don Quixote twice. If I did have a guilt list it would include David Foster Wallace, *Infinite Jest* and the works of Thomas Pynchon.

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BOLINAS READS CONT. . . .

Can you tell me more about the book clubs you have been in through the years?

I started being part of a reading group about 35 years ago in Bolinas. We read many of the classics such as *Sense and Sensibility* by Jane Austen and *Middlemarch* by George Eliot. At another time, I was in a writers group in which we read Nobel Prize winners that the group hadn't read like Elias Canetti and lots of French writers.

I was also part of a Proust group where we read all seven volumes of *Remembrance of Things Past*. When Proust ended, I was in another group. I got to re-read *War and Peace*, which I loved. Eventually we read *Ulysses* by James Joyce, *The Sound and the Fury* by Faulkner, *Mrs. Dalloway* by Virginia Woolf, and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain. We also read novels by Chekhov who is both readable and wonderful.

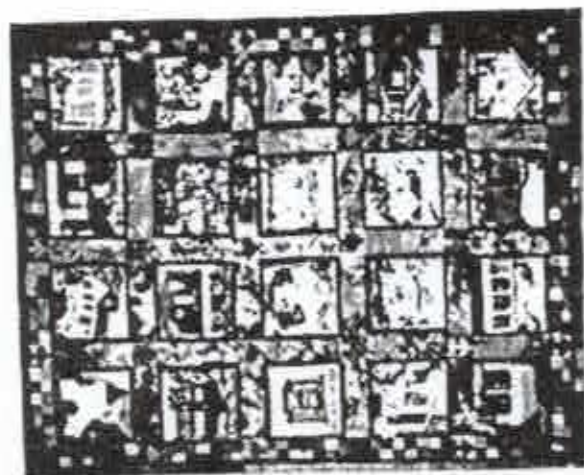
Tastes changed through years, but for me, some writers remain constant, like Joyce or Austen for example. When I was younger, I thought if someone was famous that they were great and it would be unbecoming not to like them. I didn't realize that I could say that I didn't like the writing.

Where do you like to read? Do you have a favorite reading spot?

I always have a little paperback. I like to read in a chair, in the sun on the deck. I always have a book and I've found that reading is a wonderful companion, especially as I get older.

Why read?

I found from being an English teacher. People tend to do things that they are good at, like gardening. You have to love doing it. Reading in school was not easy for some. I can read for speed so I often read the last chapter first, even in *Moby Dick* so then I won't read too fast and just for plot. That way, I can slow down and enjoy the writing more. Reading has been a huge part of my life for more than 60 years.



JUNE 3RD, 2018

BCLT BOARD MEETING, ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND QUILT DRAWING

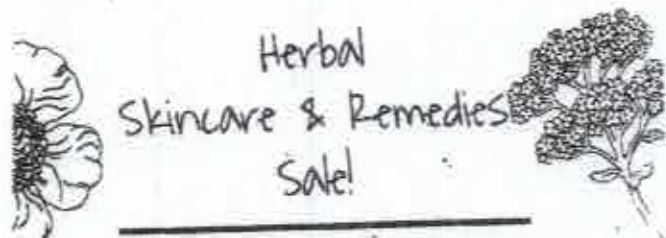
At the Bolinas Community Center

Join the BCLT for info on our new projects and general info on the work the BCLT is doing. After our meeting we will enjoy ice cream in the plaza and sell the last quilt tickets before finding its forever home, wrapping up this big community based fundraiser for affordable homes and community sustainability.



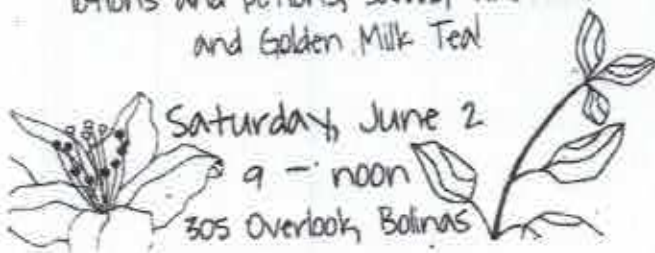
Regular meetings in West Marin

Lagunitas School Board	3rd Thursday	6:00 p.m.	Campus
SGV Healthy Comm. Collab.	2nd Wednesday	8:30 p.m.	Comm Center
SGV Nutrition Advisory Co.	4th Thursday	8:30 p.m.	Comm Center
Laf. Ed. Foundation (LEAP)	1st Monday	7:00 p.m.	Lag. School
SGV Planning Group	2nd Monday	7:50 p.m.	Comm Center
Dance Palace Board	1st Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Dance Palace
Point Reyes-Olema 4-H	1st Monday	6:30 p.m.	WMS old gym
Bolinas Community Center	3rd Tuesday	5-7 p.m.	Bolinas Library
Point Reyes Village Assoc.	2nd Thursday	7-8:00 p.m.	Dance Palace
Stinson Beach Village Assoc.	1st Saturday	10 a.m.	Dance Palace
W.M. Lions Club	1st/3rd Tuesday	7-9:00 p.m.	Sta. House Café
Briones Lions Club	4th Thursday	7 p.m.	Rod & Boat Club
W.M. Rotary Club	Each Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Toby's Feed Barn
W.M. Chamber of Commerce	1st Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Sta. House Café
Shoreline Unified School Board	3rd Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Rotating
W.M./Inverness School Site Council	TBA	TBA	W.M.S. staff room
KWMR Board	3rd Wednesday	6-7:30 p.m.	Fire Station
Inverness Public Utility District	4th Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Fire Station
Inverness Association	4th Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Library
Inverness Park Association	Date, time and location posted at Perry's Dial		
Bolinas Comm. Public Utility Dist.	3rd Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	BCPUD office
Marin Municipal Water District	1st/3rd Tuesdays	7:30 p.m.	MMWD office
Bo-Stin Union School Board	2nd Tuesdays	6 p.m.	Bolinas campus
Stinson Beach Water District	5th Saturday	9:30 a.m.	SBCWD office
Bodega Bay Public Utility District	3rd Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	BBPUD office
Tomales Village Comm. Serv. Dist.	2nd Wednesday	8:00 p.m.	Town Hall
Tomales Town Hall Board	1st Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Town Hall
Tomales Design Review Board	3rd Wednesday	7:30 p.m.	Town Hall
Tomales 4-H Club	3rd Monday	7 p.m.	Town Hall
North Marin Water District	1st/3rd Tuesdays	7:30 p.m.	NMWD office
Bolinas Fire Protection District	4th Mondays	7:30 p.m.	BFPD office
Tomales Bay Youth Center	Last Tuesdays	6 p.m.	TBYC



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Vote with the League on June 5!

Our recommendations on the propositions:

- **Prop68** - YES  Water and parks for all
- **Prop69** - YES  Car fees and taxes
- **Prop70** - NO  fund Greenhouse gas reduction
- **Prop71** - YES  Date of initiative
- **Prop72** - YES  Property tax and rain water

Read and share our [Vote with the League flyer!](#)
How did we decide? Read more on [how we take action.](#)

Want daily shareable info? Like us on [Facebook](#) & follow us on [Twitter](#).
VOTE June 5!

-Submitted by Tina Ann



Tina Ann forwarded copies of detailed recommendations from **The California League of Conservation Voters** as follows:

Statewide Propositions

- Prop 68 – Vote YES** to fund our parks!
- Prop 70 – Vote NO!** Prop 70 is a political power grab to hold cap and trade funds hostage.
- Prop 71 – Vote YES!** This is a minor administrative change to provide consistency in when newly passed ballot measures become law.
- Prop 72 – Vote YES!** The measure would help homeowners afford to install rainwater capture and reuse systems by excluding them from increased property tax assessments.

Statewide Candidates

Lieutenant Governor - Eleni Kounalakis
As Ambassador to Hungary, Eleni pushed them to becoming the first signers of the Paris Climate Accords.

Treasurer - Fiona Ma
During her time in the Assembly Ma earned a CLCV lifetime score of 92%. polluting industries.

Secretary of State - Alex Padilla
During his time in the State Senate Padilla earned a 93% lifetime score from CLCV. **Controller - Betty Yee**

In her capacity as Controller, Betty Yee has worked to elevate climate policy in a number of areas.



LET'S PLAY THE MUSSEL GAME: CHOOSE YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Among other requests Mary Bates makes of the Land Trust is what the LT can do to involve neighbours in the choice of tenants. Ms. Bates desires transparency and demands that the LT board members answer her questions. I take it I can insist on transparency from her and an answer to my questions. What could you possibly mean by getting to choose your neighbours? Alas, Mary, you have no choice in the matter of who are your neighbours, just as, whatever their disclaimers, that your organization, whatever else you chose to call it, was heavily weighted toward the NIMBY. I await your explanations.

-Hanford Woods

(by the way, I live on Birch and Mesa: am I one of the neighbours- also referred to as "stakeholders"- included in your dire calculations, about to see my life ruined by low-cost housing?)

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**2018 ELECTION NEWS! DEADLINES FOR
CANDIDACY AND FOR BALLOT
MEASURES! PLEASE READ!**

The terms of three (3) BCPUD Directors expire this year. If you would like to run for one of these seats in the November 6, 2018 election, you must declare your candidacy during the filing period, which opens **July 16, 2018** and closes **August 10, 2018**. The appropriate forms are available from the Registrar of Voters office at the Civic Center (Room 121) and must be filed there. If any of the three BCPUD Directors whose terms are expiring at the end of November decide that they do not want to run for another 4-year term, the filing period for **non-incumbents only** will be extended by several days (the specific date is not yet available).

The last day to submit measures for placement on the November ballot is **August 10, 2018**; the last day to withdraw a measure from the ballot is **August 15, 2018**. The last day to submit ballot arguments is **August 20, 2018** and the last day to submit rebuttal arguments is **August 27, 2018**. In each case, the pertinent documents must be received by the County's Election Office by **4:30 p.m.** on the deadline date.

Questions? Call 499-6456, which is the phone number for the County's Registrar of Voters office.

Jennifer Blackman
General Manager



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For more information:
www.bolinaslandtrust.org
(415)868-8880
6 Wharf Rd - Inside gas station

Local Bolinas filmmaker Ole Schell is making a new film, "RagMan's Cave" and is featured in this article appearing in the Point Reyes Light 5/10/2018

can be read online @:

<https://www.ptreyeslight.com/article/nostalgic-adventure-marks-bolinas-film>

"Nostalgic adventure marks Bolinas film"
By Jordan Bowen
05/10/2018



David Briggs

Submitted by
Sarah Bruce



Resource Recovery Center
Temporarily Closed to
Greenwaste Drop-Off

**SITE WILL RE-OPEN ON MONDAY,
JUNE 4TH**

The Bolinas Stinson Resource Recovery Center will be closed Monday 5/28 through Sunday, 6/3. The site will re-open on Monday, June 4th.

We are now able to get the equipment to the site to grind the material that is currently there. That grind will be finished this week and we will be able to re-open on Monday.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Aitken at 415-868-1796.

Sincerely,

Belle Wood

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- MON** Tim Bluhm of the Mother Hips 6:30 PM
- TUE** Highway of Heartaches 8:30 PM
- WED** *Eroica* in Context 2 PM

More information at KWMR.org

FM 90.5 Point Reyes Station
89.9 Bolinas
92.3 San Geronimo Valley

Minutes from the April 23rd 2018, Bolinas Fire Protection District Board Meeting

Pres. Kimball called the regular meeting of the Bolinas Fire Protection District to order at 7:00PM. Vice Pres. Chiera, Dir. Shaw, Dir. Gade and Dir. Martinelli were present. Also present: Chief Brown, Administrative Assistant Cadance Lynam, Marin County Supervisor Dennis Rodoni and Ian Johnson. MSC Chiera/Shaw (unan.) to approve the agenda.

CHIEF'S REPORT

MEMO

The meeting scheduled for March 28th was canceled due to a lack of agenda items. The next meeting is scheduled for April 25th.

Prevention

The school held a "Lock-Down" drill on March 28th, the Fire Department was asked to observe. The Marin County Sheriff's Office School Resource Officer was also present. Staff and students learned how to behave and what they may expect in a real situation. Staff also learned where improvements were needed. We will be holding our second Community Wildfire Planning meeting on **Sunday, May 6th, 2018 1:00 - 2:30 PM.**

Topics will include the history of fire in our area, recent experiences, evacuation preparation and the importance of and how to be prepared as much as possible.

Roads

No update.

Inspections

None.

Planning

Ongoing-
20 Nymph Road - Demolish existing residence, new construction
324 Ocean Parkway - Addition
350 Fern - Studio addition
415 Yucca - Legalize Second Unit
380 Larch Road - New septic system, habitat restoration
210 Laurel - Legalize second unit
350 Lauff Ranch Rd. - Legalize multiple structures
120 Horseshoe Hill Rd - Addition, remodel
10 Olema-Bolinas Rd - Second Unit
370 Overlook - Remodel, addition of 2nd unit
12 Olema-Bolinas Road - 2nd Unit
105 Wharf Road - Second Unit
46 Horseshoe Hill Rd - Addition/ Remodel
190 Ocean Parkway - Remodel

NEW

None

Grants

None

Training

Training this past month has focused on structure fire tactics and strategies and rope rescue operations.

Volunteers

The Volunteer Association accepted two new volunteers this past Thursday evening, Willie Norton and Luke Arnold. Willie turned 18 this past March; he submitted an application a few days later. He has been observing drills since he was about 15. Luke has been observing drills since late last year; he works at the hardware store. We are excited to welcome them both.

The Annual Mothers Day Pancake Breakfast is scheduled for May 13th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am.

Apparatus

The 219 Replacement Group continues to meet to discuss wants, needs and financial impacts of both as it relates to the replacement of U219. Firefighter Maendie and Captain Krakauer have done a great deal of research in regards to body type and shops to complete the transfer of the utility box. We are currently working on listing all items and researching costs. We will propose that costs be included in the FY18/19 budget.

Disaster Council

Unfortunately, we had another Area Coordinator resign. Area 9's coordinator has to move, we have a few people in mind we plan on approaching for the position. Richard Dillman is working with us to upgrade our Disaster Council radio antenna located at the firehouse in order to improve our coverage. We are replacing the antenna with a new antenna and placing it in a better location. Firefighter Godfrey and Chief Brown are continuing work on the updated Living with Fire in Bolinas brochure. Todd Lando, Fire Safe Marin, who originally designed the brochure for us in 2014, has added about 12 new pages and very current information. It is in draft form now, we are awaiting a price quote to print and mail about 1500 copies. Work is also being done on the Bolinas Disaster Plan Worksheet. This was an item provided to all jurisdictions several years ago. The information is being updated and, once finished the plan is to make it available in several locations around town. We are also looking into including it in the Living with Fire in Bolinas mailing.



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LIVE MUSIC THIS WEEK

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Friday, May 25

Ben Sparaco and The New Effect. Americana, Blues, Folk, Funk and Rock with jazz inspired innovation. (\$5, 9pm)

Saturday, May 26

Marshall House Project. Funk Rock Soul. (\$10, 9pm)

Sunday, May 27

The Highway Poets. Rock Soul Blues(\$5, 5-8pm)

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West Marin Choir - Spring 2018

Tuesdays 7:00-8:30pm Space: Church

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**TUESDAY, JUNE 12...
7PM BOLINAS LIBRARY**

This is to announce that I'll be doing a reading from my new novel, *Suspect Love*, on **Tuesday June 12, at 7 pm**, at the Bolinas Library. Please come and bring friends. I will have books for sale.

- larry distasi



MAKING IT HAPPEN

I would like to express my support for the BCLT. I believe that what they are doing right now is very courageous. As the rest of us, including myself, sit around and talk/ fret/ wring our hands wondering what will happen to our community, the Land Trust is taking action. We might not like every move they make but in the grander scheme, what might be the alternative?

Within the last couple months, a family that has many roots in Bolinas/Stinson/PR was able to buy a property up in Point Reyes through CLAM's affordable housing project. I was so happy for this family and wanted to cry, realizing how amazingly rare it is for ONE family to be able to afford a home to call their very own in our West Marin enclave.

We all know options in our area for housing young families, retired or really anyone other than weekenders or investors who will never fully put their feet down here, are very very slim.

If working collaboratively with organizations such as the BCLT can ensure a few more families (and we are talking a few more) get to stay and flourish in our community then I am all for it!

Thank you BCLT for all the work you have done.

-Sincerely, Van Waring

Also being updated for mailing to all property owners is a small brochure detailing our Disaster Council Area Coordinators and the Disaster Council Area Map. The goal is to reach every resident and as many visitors as possible with disaster preparedness information.

Resource Recovery

No Update.

Building and Grounds

Update provided under Board Committee Reports.

General Operations/Administration

Chief Brown continues to participate in the TOT2 Advisory Committee. She attended the last meeting on April 6th and 20th. Supervisor Rodoni will provide an update about the meeting.

Kaaren Gaan met with Cadance and Chief Brown to conduct a review of our financial records. There were a few minor issues to address but overall, everything is in order. Several improvements have been made since the last audit. Thank you, Cadance. Now being discussed is how to move forward with the hiring of a new bookkeeper. Kaaren is helping to draft a Request for Proposal.

On April 20th, Supervisor Rodoni is holding another West Marin Emergency Preparedness meeting. Representatives from every West Marin agency are invited to discuss issues and goals as they relate to the impacts of visitors to our areas. Agencies were asked to speak about their recent experiences with the April rain storm. Chief Brown spoke of the flooding we experienced at the Wye and along the Olema - Bolinas Rd. as well as Hwy 1. Chief Brown will be following up with Supervisor Rodoni to see if any remedies can be identified to alleviate some of the flooding in town. Supervisor Rodoni will speak with Caltrans about the flooding along Hwy 1, much of which was caused by not maintaining the ditches along the highway. Also brought up was the increased need for parking enforcement during the high visitation months. MCSO is looking into extending the season for the parking enforcement officer.

Chief Brown's presence may be requested at a County Code Enforcement Hearing currently scheduled for May 9th. The hearing is regarding a vacant lot in Bolinas that has been illegally built on and inhabited. Chief Brown participated in an inspection last year on the property and may be asked to speak about her findings.

Thanks in large part to Ian Johnson and President Kimball, the District now has a new contract with AT&T for telephone and internet services. In past meetings we've discussed the inordinate expense of the District's landline phone costs, typically around \$1,400 a month. The current two year contract will now allow us to be on AT&T's most current platform taking us from a DSL to fiber optic system. Our

annual costs should be lowered by approximately \$5,000 while increasing our available bandwidth capacity. The increased bandwidth will allow the District to better interact with other agencies that require us to submit large files online, we will be able to better participate in required webinars and will allow our firefighters to better participate in online training. Big thanks go to Ian and President Kimball. We have received a request from AT&T through their subcontractor, Ericsson, to modify their communications tower. The request was received too late to be added to the April agenda, it will be on the May agenda. They are requesting to exchange the existing nine panel antenna with nine like antenna, exchange existing RRU's and to add additional RRU's. Chief Brown has spoken to the Ericsson representative and requested a larger set of plans and an emissions report.

Surfers' Overlook Repair/Terrace Avenue

On April 19th, Jennifer Blackman, Sean Kennings, LAK Associates and Chief Brown met with Supervisor Rodoni and representatives from the Department of Public Works and the Planning Department to discuss Phase II of the Surfers Overlook Project. Jennifer provided the group background on Phase I and explained that we are looking for guidance on the best path forward. She also asked the group if Phase II was a project the County could support as they did with Phase I. We have been under the assumption that the County would be the applicant for the permits for Phase II as they were with Phase I. Ernest Klock, DPW, noted that, while he is supportive of the project, he does not see a clear role for the County since the project is on private property. Discussion ensued regarding the private property issue and whether or not the County has interest in the project due to the County maintained road. Tom Lai, Planning, explained that this would be a multiyear permitting process and the project is likely to be extremely expensive. He explained we would need to demonstrate to the Coastal Commission that all other options have been reviewed and why they have been rejected leaving the bluff stabilization as the only option. We will need to show that there are no other viable options. Preliminarily, it would seem the Coastal Commission and the Gulf of the Farallones may be the only permitting agencies. Supervisor Rodoni suggested a meeting with the Coastal Commission staff to refresh them on the project; Tom Lai felt this was a good idea. Due to current work happening with the local Coastal Plan, this meeting may take up to 6 months to schedule. Ernest reiterated that spending County money outside of the right-of-way is a new concept for them. Supervisor Rodoni said he would like to see a similar public/private relationship as we saw with Phase I. Ernest also said that any private property owners would need to completely indemnify the County if they were to be involved in the project.

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Personnel
No Update.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Micro Grid Background Discussion – Several months ago, Peter Asmus presented the Board the idea of having a Microgrid as a backup energy source in an emergency. When the new facility was built, a large backup generator was installed, that ideally, would last a week in an emergency situation. The Microgrid, if installed, could rely on backup rechargeable solar batteries that would make the generator last longer. The batteries available to provide the emergency back up power are currently very expensive and the technology is changing. Director Chiera mentioned that it's still emerging technology and we shouldn't expend \$100,000 or more on something we're still unsure of. Director Martinelli agreed that it may not be something we can afford now but it could be helpful in the future and may also be cheaper when the technology has been released for some time. After more discussion from the Board it was agreed to wait some time before looking into installing a Microgrid and in the meantime continue to research how long our existing emergency generator could run the facilities during a disaster.

Discussion and Updates with Supervisor Dennis Rodoni – After giving the Board updates on the Surfers Overlook project, Supervisor Rodoni gave a brief description of the more than fifteen items he's working on to support Bolinas and the West Marin community. Among the items he mentioned were Short Term Rentals, Raising the Transient Occupancy Tax, Affordable Housing, Highway 1 Flooding, Broadband for Communities and Surfers Overlook.

CONSENT CALENDAR
MSC-Chiera/Gade (unan.) to approve the Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION
None.

BOARD MEMBER REPORT
No Update.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Updates from Finance and Budget, Personnel, Building and Grounds and Operational Working Group.

Finance Committee – The Finance Committee is currently working on drafting the budget for FY18/19. The budget will be finalized at the June meeting.

Personnel Committee – The Personnel Committee will be meeting to discuss personnel issues as they relate to the budget.

Buildings and Grounds – Several items at the Fire Station have recently failed. There is a need to increase the building and maintenance reserve budget which will be addressed in the FY18/19 budget.

Operations Working Group – Continue to work on the replacement of U219. The replacement cost will be included in the FY 18-19 Budget. Firefighter Maendle and Captain Krakauer have been putting a great deal of time into the issue.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

ANNOUNCEMENT
None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER
Chief Brown expressed her thanks to Richard Dillman for coming to Bolinas and programming the disaster council radios as well as offering training. Also, many thanks to President Kimball and Ian Johnson for finding the Fire Department a less expensive, better working plan through AT&T. Director Shaw expressed her thanks to Supervisor Rodoni for all his work.

ADJOURNMENT
MSC – Chiera/Gade (unan.) to adjourn at 9:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cadance Lynam
Administrative Assistant

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	BCC Board of Directors Meeting (3 rd Tues of month in library)	5:00pm
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WEDNESDAY	Pilates Mat w/Lisa Townsend	8:30-9:45 am
	F.L.A.G.ship in front of Library (0-5yrs)	1:15 - 2:30 pm
THURSDAY	USDA food bank	12 noon
	Aikido w/ Bruce	4:30 - 5:45 pm
	Dance Church (last Thursday of the month)	7:30 - 10:30pm
FRIDAY	Pilates Mat w/Lisa Townsend	9:00-10:00 am
	Ballet w/Erika Townsend (no class 4 th Fridays)	10:30-12:00 pm
	No Place Like Home (Free Brunch 4 th Fri of Month)	12 noon
SATURDAY	Diaspora Dance w/Amber Hines	9:00-10:30 am
SUNDAY	Move & Tumble w/KT(4-6 yrs)	10:00 - 10:45 am
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