What’s Happening?

Monday, February 1
Bolinas Anti-Racist Town Meeting #4. On Zoom at 6pm. URL: http://us02web.zoom.us/j/85152717710

Wednesday, February 3
BCPUD Board of Directors special meeting, 7:30pm via Zoom, more info inside.

Friday, February 5

February 1-21
New art show at the Gospel Flat Farmstand: EARTHLIFE, organized by the Greenhorns. Up all month.

Happy Birthday!

February 1
Don Smith

February 2
Lauren Henderson
Kara Blake
Kevin Pedersen
THREE GREAT THINGS ABOUT THIS PLACE...

• COVID vaccine! The VA is offering them to over-75 (ahem) vets. Hopefully by the time you read this, immunization will have started. The appointment’s in the morning.

• Tuesday is the ‘Imbolc’ festival. For the Celts it marked the first day of spring—halfway to the vernal equinox. If you’re not pagan it’s St Bridget’s Day. The light is definitely returning.

• If you’re having trouble getting through the isolation phase of Covid, I highly recommend one of those diabolical 1,000-piece crossword puzzles. Ours has preoccupied the household for weeks.

Cheers,
Ned Riley

“Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.” – James Baldwin

Bolinas Antiracist Town Meeting #4
Monday February 1st @ 6pm
Zoom Meeting-
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85152717710

Please join us for our 4th Bolinas Antiracist Town Meeting.
Below is an estimated timeline of what the meeting will look like:

6:00-6:10 Welcome and Introduction
- The main goals of this meeting are to discuss:
  - Ways to create a safe community (places for support, education)
  - Discussion around other types of discrimination in this community and how they intersect with racism
  - Go over racist events to reassure people
  - Give time for people to speak
  - Updates from all action groups
  - Upcoming events

6:10-6:40 Check in and Reports
- We will have a few minutes of silence while we go over racist events that have happened in the last few months on a local level. This is in hopes of reassuring people about how prevalent racism is, not just in our world at large, but even in Marin County.
- The floor will be open to BIPOC community members first, and then to anyone who would like to speak.

6:40-7:00 Action Groups
- Check in with action groups and share possible updates→ One spokesperson
- People can give feedback & new ideas added

7:00-7:20 Upcoming Events
- Discuss events coming up in Bolinas and Pt. Reyes
- Get feedback/new ideas added

7:20-7:40 Talk about our Agreements & Values
- Safety and inclusion!!!
- What we can do better

7:40-7:50 Farewells
- Closing words
- New people can add their email to chat

Current Action Groups
Bolinas Representatives for Equal Representation
Me and White Supremacy workbook group
Latinx Outreach team
Offender Accountability team
Rapid Response team
Hearsay Antiracist Column group
Local Business action group

—Submitted by Nicole Lavelle

A new art show at the Gospel Flat Farmstand!
Open daily 10-3

Artists: Futurefarmers, San Francisco; The Great Imagining™, London; Rose Marasco, Maine; Rick Prelinger, San Francisco; Sexto Colectivo + ALMA, Mexico City

Organized by Greenhorns (Severine von Tscharner Fleming and Renée Rhodes)

—Submitted by Nicole Lavelle
The Bolinas Anti Racist Column compiles and shares resources to further learning, inspiration, and collaboration toward a more just and inclusive future.

In creating this column we hope to provide a fusion of anti racist education and offer a point of entry toward becoming anti racist.

We are not experts on this subject. We are learning and engaging each other and our community in an ongoing process of collective self-education. We will focus on citing the experts in this field and amplifying the voices of those who have been doing this work for decades.

ANTI RACISM: The work of actively opposing racism by advocating for changes in political, economic, and social life. Anti-racism tends to be an individualized approach, and set up in opposition to individual racist behaviors and impacts. (Race Forward, Race Reporting Guide 2015)

PRIVILEGE: Unearned social power accorded by the formal and informal institutions of society to ALL members of a dominant group (e.g. white privilege, male privilege, etc.). Privilege is usually invisible to those who have it because we’re taught not to see it, but nevertheless it puts them at an advantage over those who do not have it. (Racial Equity Tools)

February is Black History Month
Rachel Cargle (@rachel.cargle on Instagram & paypal.me/rachelcargle to support) is a public academic, philanthropic innovator, and social entrepreneur who has compiled a self-education challenge that we will be sharing with you throughout the month.

It is recommended that with each of the prompts for further learning (though we will briefly define each of them) you take the time to google on your own to learn about and appreciate for yourself. The call to action is as follows:

“Those who are existing within and benefiting from white privilege must #DoTheWork to:
1. Recognize and respect the dynamic history of the African American community.
2. Unlearn the world’s whitewashed understanding of Black existence.
3. Most importantly, make the critical connections necessary to take anti racist action.” (Cargle)

First 3 prompts for further learning:
• The Middle Passage & Port Markers Project: “an organization established in 2011 to honor the two million captive Africans who perished during the transatlantic crossing known as the Middle Passage and the ten million who survived to build the Americas.” (middlepassageproject.org)
• Igbo Landing: “a historic site at Dunbar Creek on St. Simons Island, Glynn County, Georgia. In 1803 one of the largest mass suicides of enslaved people took place when Igbo captives from what is now Nigeria were taken to the Georgia coast.” (blackpast.org)
• Compensated Emancipation Act: “On April 16, 1862, the District of Columbia Compensated Emancipation Act became law. Pause for a minute to consider how much compensation would have been offered to the people who suffered torture and other human rights abuses and whose labor and families were stolen for generations. The answer is zero. The federal government compensated the ‘owners’ of enslaved people for their ‘loss of property.’ The people who were freed were not compensated, nor given any assistance for the transition to their freedom.” (zinnedproject.org)
Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advisory Notice: The health and safety of community members, public officials, and employees is the top priority for the BCPUD. In compliance with local and state shelter-in-place orders, and as allowed by the Brown Act as currently in effect under the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor’s Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor’s Executive Order N-29-20 (March 17, 2020), the BCPUD will not offer an in-person meeting location for the public to attend this meeting. The meeting is limited to essential district business items and will be conducted by the BCPUD Board and staff via teleconference (see below). Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely from a safe location as described below.

To join by phone, dial (415) 868-6163; user password 6163.

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll.
3. Community Expression
4. BCPUD Resolution 680: Declaring a Prolonged Drought Condition in the Bolinas Community Public Utility District and Implementing Mandatory Conservation Measures Pursuant to a Previously Established Water Shortage Emergency.
5. Adjournment.

The BCPUD requests individuals who require special accommodations to access and/or participate in this meeting to please contact the BCPUD office at (415) 868-1224 at least 24 hours before the meeting.
Wildfire Safe Bolinas

Hello friends and neighbors, Jon Cozzi speaking. As Mark Fraser said in last week’s Hearsay, Wildfire Safe Bolinas is a new non-profit being established to address many issues related to protecting Bolinas from the ever increasing threat of wildfire. This letter is not our public roll-out, that you will see in these pages and elsewhere soon. And please, be assured that this will be an entirely open public process.

I write this to address several assertions made by my friend Dale Polisar in last Friday’s hearsay.

Let’s begin with Dale’s not being “sure” or “convinced” that the likelihood of a catastrophic fire to “justify destroying beautiful Eucalyptus groves and uglifying big patches of our landscape for years to come.” Wow, I prefer the word remove over destroy, especially when used in the context of removal and restoring to a natural state with native vegetation.

The fact that we have water on three sides, and there is “quite a big space between ourselves and the park forest,” as Dale states, in no way recognizes the reality of how fire, wind, and vegetation interact. The fact that we lack steep slopes in our residential areas is a point rendered moot when the wind is blowing 30, 40, 50 miles an hour, or more. A fire on flat ground in those conditions can be just as lethal as a fire on steep terrain.

Here’s the problem Dale, you don’t need forest growing right into your town to be at risk. Fire driven by wind arrives via airmail. A fire up at 13 corners with a hot, dry wind behind it could deliver fire to our town. It’s not about water over here and pastures over there, that is an erroneous source of false security.

Next let’s talk about, as you put it, “savage landscape and decapitated trunks.” Any removal projects would stipulate stumps to be cut as low as possible. This adds to the expense but is well worth the money. Stumps are then covered with heavy felt paper to be cut as low as possible. This adds to the expense but is well worth the money. Stumps are then covered with heavy felt paper to be cut as low as possible. This adds to the expense but is well worth the money. Stumps are then covered with heavy felt paper to be cut as low as possible. This adds to the expense but is well worth the money. Stumps are then covered with heavy felt paper to be cut as low as possible. This adds to the expense but is well worth the money. Stumps are then covered with heavy felt paper to be cut as low as possible. This adds to the expense but is well worth the money. Stumps are then covered with heavy felt paper to be cut as low as possible. This adds to the expense but is well worth the money. Stumps are then covered with heavy felt paper to be cut as low as possible. This adds to the expense but is well worth the money. Stumps are then covered with heavy felt paper to be cut as low as possible. This adds to the expense but is well worth the money. Stumps are then covered with heavy felt paper to be cut as low as possible. This adds to the expense but is well worth the money. Stumps are then covered with heavy felt paper to be cut as low as possible. This adds to the expense but is well worth the money. Stumps are then covered with heavy felt paper.

Speaking of decapitated trunks, I should mention that many if not most of the trees at the bottom of Mesa road, and along Olema Bolinas road in that area were, in fact, cut back to tall stumps in the early sixties. How do I know? Well, my great old friend Tom Kent was a climber for Sohner Tree Service. Sohner was under contract for PG&E to do that work.

Many of the trees in that zone are Regrowth atop old stumps. This is a situation the International Society of Arborists considers a high-risk structural defect in their tree hazard assessment guidelines—but what would they know? I promise, a lot!

Now to Butterfly’s. We all love butterflies, and it’s heartbreaking to see their numbers dwindling. There are many theories as to what is causing their decline. Everything from climate change to pesticides used on crops along their fly-ways. One thing that is not the problem is a eucalyptus shortage. The Butterflies did just fine for thousands of years before the first Eucalyptus found its way to these shores. Ironically, the major Eucalyptus stand they preferred has blown down and now lay in the ravine to the left as you head up Terrace. At the foot of Marin Way too. The big trees in that grove are unstable as is evident by the many that have fallen in recent years and others that are trying to fall but are propped up by neighboring trees.

Dale said: It’s not as if with the project’s targeted groves cut, there won’t be many smaller clusters of Pine, Cypress, and Eucalyptus scattered around town that would pose a similar threat.” Let’s get one thing cleared up. I state in our master outline of identified threats (which Dale has read and soon everyone will see) that:

No reasonable amount of tree work can be a 100% cure to the threat of wildfire, but we can address the most obvious hazard areas in targeted locations to reduce the odds of experiencing a catastrophic wildfire in our area.

Every tree or stand of trees in the proposed plan meets certain criteria. Trees in question risk blocking evacuation routes or are within striking distance of power lines or, are in declining health, unstable, or are geographically situated to spread fire rapidly and trap people, and pets. Dale implies it’s all or nothing, and would have us believe that unless you cut down every living thing and scrape down to mineral soil, you are wasting your time. With respect, this isn’t true.

Another point to make is that not all trees burn equally. Eucalyptus is the most efficient fire spreading plant on the planet, and the Tasmania Blue Gum is King of the Forest in this regard. I strongly recommend everyone get online and research David Bowman who is a professor of biology and fire ecology at the University of Tasmania. He is perhaps the world’s top authority when it comes to blue gum eucalyptus, and fire. We will have much information to distribute shortly while we engage a public discussion about this critical issue.

A quick point on our local climate as it pertains to wildfire risk. Yes, we have fog for many days during the summer months. That’s good. On those foggy days fire hazard is lower than on non-foggy days. Great. But that in no way means we are at less risk of a major fire. It does mean we have less days of risk, but from the end of June and by late Summer and Fall it only takes a couple hours of a strong, low humidity offshore wind to dry out fine fuels to the point that we could burn as fast and hot as anywhere in this State. Do not be fooled by the fog myth.

Finally, to Dale’s point that a project like this “should not happen without public consideration.” Well, by golly, that is exactly what is happening now. It was my idea to go personally to Dale and others with similar strong feelings on this topic before a public roll-out of Wildfire Safe Bolinas. My thinking was to give these folks a heads up. I thought it was the neighborly thing to do. My feeling is people are behind the idea of being proactive in reducing wildfire risk. At this point, community engagement is our primary goal and Wildfire Safe Bolinas is looking forward to the in depth conversation we must have.

My close friend Russ Riviere started this project in 1997. Three days before he died, I made him two promises. The first was that I would not sing at his party. Well, I broke that promise. The second was that someday these projects would get done. And that day, my friends, has arrived. To the best of my ability, that promise will be kept.

Thanks, Jon Cozzi

Submitted by Rudi Ferris for Jon Cozzi
Forgetfulness and Love

A woman is more responsive to a man's forgetfulness than to his attentions.

Jaron

Who loves well, forgets slowly.  

French proverb

Everyone who manifests in the physical form today, has made plenty of mistakes—sometimes, somewhere—so let no one take the attitude: "I AM more holy than thou," but each one's first attitude should be to call on the Law of Forgiveness; and if he be feeling or sending criticism, condemnation, or hate to another of God's children, a brother or sister, he can never have enlightenment or success, until he calls on the Law of Forgiveness. Further than this, he must say to that person, to whom he was feeling disturbed in any way—silently: "I send to you the fulness of the Divine Love of my Being to bless and prosper you." This attitude is the only release and Freedom from the seeming failures of the outer activity.

St. Ignatius

The beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass, speaks to me.
The stem of the mountain, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the sea, speaks to me.
The brightness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrop on the flower, speaks to me.
The strength of fire, the taste of salmon, the trail of the sun, and the life that never goes away, they speak to me.
And my heart soars.

Chief Dan George

The mass originated when the first male reptile licked the first female reptile, implying in a subtle, complimentary way that she was as succulent as the small reptile he had for dinner the night before.

F. Scott Fitzgerald

There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without significance.

Corinthians 4:10
COVID-19 Vaccine Updates
February 1, 2021

Please note: we will continue to keep you updated through email, by posting information in the community, and on our website as things evolve. Please do not call us directly regarding COVID-19 vaccines in order to help us keep our phone lines open for immediate patient medical needs.

Marin County has now opened Phase 1B vaccination clinics for ANY county resident who is 75+ yrs old regardless of insurance. They also continue to vaccinate Phase 1a health care workers.

Per Marin County data, 3 out of 4 deaths from COVID-19 have been among residents 75 or older, therefore the county has decided to prioritize vaccination by age at the moment.

Per the County’s vaccine signup webpage, as of this Thursday, January 28th, all vaccine appointments for the week of Jan 24th and 31st are full.

Here is where you can check for appointment availability and make an appointment: https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/vaccine/PIBsignup.

The County is working to create Call Centers to support people without internet access in making appointments over the phone. At this time, all COVID-19 vaccines are being distributed by Marin County.

Marin County has created a COVID-19 Vaccine Interest Form where you can sign up to be notified when you are eligible to get vaccinated. We encourage everyone to sign up: https://marincountyhc.jotform.com/210187732830049

The Marin County website provides info on who is being vaccinated and how to make an appointment through Kaiser, Sutter, One Medical, CVS, Walgreens, Veterans Administration, or Marin County Public Health. Please visit this page for such information: https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/vaccine/status.

Many of these organizations exist across different counties which will allow multiple access points to the COVID-19 Vaccine – this may help explain why some people have been able to make appointments for vaccinations already.

For Kaiser patients you can check your vaccine status online by logging into your account: https://mydoctor.kaiserpermanente.org/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine

Coastal Health is organizing a small vaccination clinic starting February 12th for our patients who are 75 years and older. We will reach out directly to patients who are eligible to sign up for this clinic as vaccines become available, there is no need for you to call us or your doctor.

We will continue weekly vaccinations for up to 60 people per clinic. This is our max capacity at the moment, and we are working with Marin Public Health to collaborate on a larger vaccination POD (point of dispensing vaccine) in Point Reyes for the entire community. We recognize some people may have transportation difficulties and are working on ways to address this.

We understand the community is eager to get vaccinated and want to assure you that we are working to ensure equitable distribution of the vaccine through our clinic and in collaboration with Marin County. Everyone will be able to get vaccinated eventually and we thank you for your patience.

Below are some more helpful links through the Marin County public health.

Vaccine distribution info: (https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/vaccine/distribution)

Status updates including a very informative webinar from this week: (https://coronavirus.marinhhs.org/covid-19-status-update-01272021)

Submitted by McKay McFadden

Información Acerca de La Vacuna Contra COVID-19
1 de febrero de 2021

Continuaremos informándonos a través de correo electrónico, publicando información directamente en la comunidad, y a través de nuestra página web. Usted recibirá una llamada de nuestra clínica cuando sea su turno para recibir la vacuna contra COVID-19. Por favor tengan paciencia y no llamen a CHA acerca de la vacuna contra COVID-19 para así mantener las líneas de teléfono disponibles para las necesidades médicas urgentes de nuestros pacientes.

El Condado de Marin ha abierto la Fase 1B para vacuna de COVID para TODOS los residentes de 75 años o más. La Fase 1a también incluye trabajadores de salud. No importa si tienen segu- ranza médica. Según el condado, el 75% de los que han fallecido de COVID-19 en el Condado de Marin son residentes de 75 años y más, así que el condado ha decidido priorizar la vacuna por edad en este momento.

En este momento el condado esta priorizando vacuna por edad. Según la página web del condado, las citas para las semanas del 31 de enero están llenas.


El condado también está trabajando arduamente para crear centros de llamadas para apoyar a las personas que no tienen acceso al internet para que puedan hacer citas a través del teléfono.

En este momento todas las vacunas de COVID-19 están siendo distri- buidad por el Condado de Marin.

El Condado de Marin ha creado un Formulario de Interés en Recibir la Vacuna Contra COVID-19 donde pueden inscribirse para ser notificado cuando ya sean elegibles para recibir la vacuna. Por favor complete esta forma lo más pronto posible: https://marincountyhc.jotform.com/210187732830049

La página de web del condado de Marin provee información sobre quienes pueden vacunarse y cómo hacer citas mediante Kaiser, Sutter, One Medical, CVS, Walgreens, Veterans Administration, o el Depar- tamento de Salubridad del Condado de Sonoma: https://coronavirus. marinhhs.org/vaccine/status).

Muchas de estas organizaciones proveen servicios a varios condados así que le permite varios puntos de acceso a la vacuna a diferentes personas y es la razón por la cual algunas personas han podido hacer citas antes que otras.

Para pacientes de Kaiser, pueden buscar su estatus en esta pagina web: https://mydoctor.kaiserpermanente.org/covid-19/covid-19-vac- cine

Coastal Health Alliance está organizando una clínica pequeña para la Vacuna contra COVID-19 empezando el día 12 de Febrero para nuestros pacientes mayores de 75 años.

Nosotros contactaremos directamente a los pacientes que son elegi- bles para la vacuna en esta primera fase. Continuaremos con clínicas semanalmente de vacunas cada viernes para hasta 60 personas por clínica, 60 personas es nuestra capacidad por el momento pero estamos trabajando en colaboración con el condado de Marin para organizar un punto de dispenso de vacuna (POD) en Point Reyes para toda la comunidad. Reconocemos que algunas personas tienen dificultades de transporte y estamos buscando maneras de poder ayudar.

Entendemos que la comunidad quiere recibir la vacuna y estamos trabajando para asegurar una distribución equitativa mediante nuestra clínica y en colaboración con el condado de Marin. Eventualmente todos van a tener la oportunidad para vacunarse y le agradeceremos por su paciencia.

Aquí hay un enlace del condado de Marin que contiene información importan sobre distribución de la vacuna: (https://coronavirus. marinhhs.org/vaccine/distribution)
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SINGLE GUY, LONGTIME INVERNESS RESIDENT
Seeking small Bolinas home. Employed fulltime in Stinson; local references available. No Pets, non-smoker quiet and excellent tenant. Thanks – Mark @ jolairemhamra@gmail.com

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BEDROOM AND BATH
For one person. Call 415-868-1782

WANTED

SEEKING: GROUND FLOOR GARAGE OR SMALL WAREHOUSE LIKE SPACE to work on speaker and soundsystem design projects. Anyone in Bolinas excited by tube amps and old Altec gear? Would love some audio community in addition to workspace.
Realms manifesto@gmail.com 310-429-3461
Taliesin Gilkes-Bower

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Full time Bolinas-based ceramicist looking for a new home for my kiln. Requires 240 volts. Very safe and modern! Loading access required 2-4 times per month. Could be outdoors if safe from rain, noellebham@gmail.com (415) 356-0438

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LOST & FOUND

LOST: RING in the restroom of the Bolinas Community Center. Call to describe 415-450-8362

LOST: HALF OF A TWO PIECE KAYAK PADDLE (Werner, black w/ glitter tape band near blade) washed off my boat at the Patch last week. Would gratefully appreciate its return. Marc <garfisch@gmail.com>

FOUND: LEATHERMAN TOOL on path off Overlook into Sewer Ponds. Would love to return to rightful owner. Text or call Grace 415-328-3880

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ME 12/30

CH X

TB 1/30

NH 2/8

MON FEB 1
moonset: 9:31 a.m.  moonrise: 10:06 p.m.

TUE FEB 2
Groundhog Day
moonset: 10:21 a.m.  moonrise: 11:17 p.m.

MM 1/31

1/15

12/31

MB 1/29