WHAT'S HAPPENING?!  

Tuesday, March 31
THE RISE AND SHINE SHOW
8-9am on KWMR
Local updates, community news and some relevant tunes on KWMR.

Wednesday, April 1
ROTARY OF WEST MARIN DIGITAL MEETING
Evie Wilhem, Managing Director of the BCLT will speak. Email annedogtown@gmail.com for invitation link. Online, 8:30am

Happy Happy Birthday!

March 30:
George Ross
"Mayor" Dean Greenstreet
Elaine Westlake
Ramona Zeno
Dr. John Doss
Ella Rey Miller-Hodge

March 31:
John Ridella
Bob Demmerle
Buddha

Photo by: James Heddle

Today's Hearsay brought to you by:
Alex Bleeker & Leanne Kriz & YOU
EVERYONE IS A REPORTER
UP

Plunged so deep into this life you awake imbued with innumerable Dreams that cast fascinating beams through your day world Plump recollections of those times gather in the reservoirs of today Pools of what could be called your love-life They source your being and enhance your unique vision and your many humors Sacred stillness pervades this dynamic pulse we share so deeply Mingling sunlight with rain that we nourish and how we be nourished Vast lumbering herbivores, sleek and savvy predators Highly attuned deer and antelope Amidst the beautiful undulating fields of emerald green grasses And staunch and wizened trees that abide And spread their wisdom for those who can feel it Squalls of a newborn sucking in the sweet air of our lives We run to give tender care, that we surround with gentle love We guard and we cavort around this sweet becoming Laughing smiling and gathering the wherewithals To perpetuate this vulnerable mystery In the face of dangers unseen and lurking perhaps nearby But wait! The efficient woodpecker strikes the tree with rapid staccato beats The distant crow people medley together in the early morning grey The migratory robin shortens its love song with oblivious joy in the sunlit meadow And we sing with love together never apart

Jan Broek 3-28-20

THREE GREAT THINGS ABOUT THIS PLACE...

* Nice to have a weekend of rain to keep visitation—and the impulse to vigilantism—down.
* We sure are getting a lot of gardening done. The ground's prepared and the seedlings are in. I do hope we won't have to be living exclusively out of it in a couple of months, but it's good to have an insurance policy.
* Getting into things I'd been avoiding—like learning the 'Zoom' technology for meetings, and reading Carl Sandburg's biography of Lincoln's Prairie years.

I hope you're all doing well—keep up the isolation, even though it's hard, it's what will get us through.

—Ned Riley

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WHAT HAPPENED Last Week
Monday Morning Recap 3-30-2020
from Jenniepfeiffer

It was a week when we found our Howl. It was excellently cathartic and inspiring to be part of an all ages/all stripes howl last night that spread across the Mesa, maybe down to town, and came back more than ten fold, from 8:00 to 8:05pm. It started right as a beautiful sliver of a moon, accentuated by bright Venus punctuating, came out from the clouds. It was a howling way to come together while separated, to release anxiety/frustration/lonely isolation, and maybe some anger and despair. Most importantly, it was a Gratitude Howl: we’re here, we’re safe for now, we are in this beautiful place, we had some rain, and we are especially grateful to all those working mightily to heal the sick; keep us safe; provide our food/water/fire protection; run public agencies & board meetings; pick up our trash; keep mail and packages delivered; serve internet/hard-ware/electrical/building/plumbing/gardening needs; provide on-line educational tools for students interrupted; and help protect us by discouraging an onslaught of visitors violating orders to shelter in place, deciding instead to come to our place to avoid sheltering. Whatever the reasons for howling, it brought great joy and feelings of solidarity for those 5 minutes. Feeling grateful.

Feeling especially grateful to those coordinating the efforts to keep people in need, fed and sheltered. At last count, there were over 30 a week bag lunches being prepared by Katie O’Callaghan with help from Ben Lawrence, for the students of our two school communities. Call 868-1603 if you have any under-18 kids needing this. Thanks to down town coordinators, Amelia Straton, Molly Maquire, Mirta, J.J Pam Springer, and volunteers, 40 boxes of food were prepared twice this week, and a variety of other needs met by a variety of people, among them Amanda Ross, Emery Calo Vest, and ones I don’t see as I’m home isolating. Big thanks to Jesse McCollum for posting about veggie starts at the nursery, which allowed me to call in my order that Jill put on my credit card and boxed for my drive-by pick-up.

For a “go-to-meeting” person such as myself, getting familiar with zoom meetings and other online meeting platforms has expanded the horizons beyond the community to the greater world. I was participating in a stress-reducing breathing group that was being led by a person in Germany with participants in the EU, Mexico, California, and elsewhere, that was a reminder we are in this crisis in a worldwide way, all breathing together.

Locally, the Disaster Council met online yesterday, and on Friday, there was a special school Board of Trustees zoom meeting update on the novel corona virus. There are some strategies we are developing that are worth keeping for when we get back to “regular” schedules, whatever that will mean, one being more online access. Having meetings online makes them more accessible for attendance by people who are homebound for one reason or another, but less accessible to people without net access. To prevent inequities in education services, our School Board will be working with governmental agencies as a top priority to make sure all our District families have computer access. Our teachers and support staff have been putting in many hours to provide lessons and activities for students to receive, so we need to make sure ALL our students can receive those materials either online or by safe and sanitized hard copy.

All state testing has been suspended and school closure has been extended until at least May 4, with the possibility of closure through the end of the school year. That would bring up so very many issues to be addressed, the most pressing being graduation, school continuity into the coming year, how this would affect summer school, food for students on an ongoing basis, childcare for the long term, library access, etc.

The upside to this unprecedented crisis, is that there is greater coordination with other counties; an expansion of flexible learning alternatives, and incorporation of home school students into online services; expanding meal delivery for families with multi-age children; a greater world view; and an immediate appraisal of equity concerns in providing quality education to all our students, particularly for our English language learners. For coordinating this effort, we are so thankful for the work of our art staff coordinator, Nuria Martinez Lee, for providing translation and outreach to our Spanish speaking families during this difficult time.

Tomorrow is the last day of the month so you have one day to do all of those things on your March “to do” list, which should have gotten whittled down a bit, what with all this stay-at-home time. Of course that’s a joke if you’re still trying to work from home while now needing to also be a home school teacher for you kids as well as their sports leader and crafts coordinator, mediator of sibling quarrels, sanitizer of every surface, make-your-own-mask-ed food shopper while staying 6 ft away from everyone, (that 6 has now expanded to 10 because, as has been pointed out in our household, if you can smell a fart across the room, how is 6 feet going to protect you?), and general community helper... In Gratitude, P.O.R. jp
Dear Community,

The BCLT has set up a COVID-19 Disaster Relief Fund. We are accepting donations and applications. The initial fundraising period will be open until 4/10/20. Will we be dispersing funds to those in need no later than 4/15/20. We will continue fundraising as needed in the coming months.

This fund was the brainchild of one of our weekend residents, in an effort to show their support and appreciation for the Bolinas community. Their hope was to be able to help our downtown businesses, the self-employed and individuals in need of rent relief make it through this difficult time. We are extremely grateful for this individual’s determination and tireless participation over the last few weeks helping us craft this fund and for fundraising to make it come alive from idea to community resource.

We have also been granted rent relief funds for Bolinas, Stinson and Muir Beach residents through Measure W. In addition, we are working on getting more funds through grants allocated specifically to help support our Latteis community, and will be looking into more grant opportunities as needed.

During this uncertain time, we can be sure of something, we have a community to be proud of. People of all ages, backgrounds, residential status and income levels have stepped up to help one another. From food giveaways to individual donations of rent support, from checking in with our neighbors to protecting our town entrance, people are showing up. This fund and all these acts of kindness and bravery are something to remind us that we are all in this together; full-time residents, weekenders, the elders and the youth. We are the Bolinas community and we show up for each other when times are tough.

Please visit our website to make a donation, to find applications and information about the fund.

This funds effectiveness will be directly dependent on how many donations we receive and how many applications are submitted. If you can, please consider a donation today!

Thank you to everyone who has given so far and has yet to give. Thank you to everyone for looking out for one another. Stay safe.

With love,
The BCLT Team - Your community land trust

With so much uncertainty we wanted to share three pieces of GREAT news for our community, get ready to smile...

#1 - The BCLT is now the proud owners of 3755 Shoreline Hwy in Stinson Beach! This purchase was made possible by the hard work and dedication of Chris Harrington and the members of The Stinson Beach Affordable Housing Committee (SBACH), the generous donors of Stinson Beach, County of Marin and the Marin Community Foundation. Thank you to Chris for pulling all the pieces together to make this project possible! We are excited to officially call this 5-unit property an affordable option for full time residents in perpetuity!

#2 - The BCLT has received a donation to put solar (with batteries) on our 6 and 20 Wharf properties that will include solar for the 18 units, making 6 Wharf and our Bo-GAS completely solar independent! This is part two in making these projects energy efficient and green! The total environmental impact of this gift is equivalent to planting $31,595 trees!! We are beyond grateful to this donor for their service to our community and to the planet! Work will begin soon so we are all done before fire season.

#3 - 430 Aspen is weeks away from being complete and we are excited to announce that the new tenants will be Stew Oakander, April Ginsburg and their son Grayson!! Stew grew up here in Bolinas and works for the BCPUD, April is a counselor at Tam High. We are so excited to welcome them into their new home in May!

We hope this news brightened your day! To see updates on all our current projects or get more information about our work please visit our website, onward!

With love,
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March 27, 2020

Marin Announces First COVID-19 Death Public Health Officials Push for Continued Vigilance, Shelter-In-Place by Residents

San Rafael, CA – Marin County has recorded its first death related to the novel coronavirus called COVID-19.

The person who passed away was an adult man in his 70s and had been hospitalized for nearly three weeks. On March 9, he was reported as the first case of COVID-19 in a Marin County resident having been exposed to the virus as a passenger on the Grand Princess – Mexican Riviera cruise ship that returned to San Francisco on February 21. The patient died on the afternoon of March 27, 2020.

"This is a heartbreaking development in our work to limit the impact of COVID-19 locally," said Dr. Lisa Santora, Marin's Deputy Health Officer. "This unfortunate death further shows how serious this virus is and how necessary it is for our community to continue to shelter in place and take bold measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Marin.

The Marin County Public Health Division staff is working closely with local hospital personnel, the CDC, and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to monitor residents who have confirmed cases of COVID-19 and coordinate the testing and monitoring of patients. Marin HHS estimates nearly 700 individuals have been tested at its field-testing site, in addition to testing efforts conducted by hospitals and medical facilities.

The individual was among Marin's oldest confirmed COVID-19 cases, highlighting the particular vulnerability for more serious disease among older residents.

The best way for the public to further stop the spread of germs in Marin County is to practice the following steps:

Abide by the current shelter in place order, limiting activity to only essential needs. When completing essential activity, keep your distance from others, especially anyone showing symptoms of a cold;

Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing;

Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when soap and water is not available;

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or crook of your elbow (not your hands). If you use a tissue, throw it away and wash your hands afterward;

Avoid touching your face;

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe;

Marin HHS is updating its COVID-19 webpage often to provide localized periodic updates. In addition, individuals with COVID-19 related questions can call 415-473-7191, Monday-Friday from 9:30am to 12:00pm and from 1:00pm to 5:00pm.

From: Marincounty.org
Submitted by: Laine Hendricks

We understand the growing concern about whether the current shelter in place order will be extended or not. Below is a joint press statement from the seven jurisdictions behind the original health order. As soon as the health order extension is final and ready for publication, we will let you know. Thank you for your patience. -Laine

March 30, 2020

Seven Bay Area Jurisdictions to Update Shelter-in-Place Order in Coming Days

San Rafael, CA – The Public Health Order for people to shelter-in-place safely in their homes will soon be extended until at least May 1. Public Health orders are issued by the respective Health Officers of each jurisdiction. The Bay Area is fortunate to have a group of dedicated public health leaders who are working together to address the interconnectedness of our region. We have said an extension might be expected as we work together to slow the spread of the COVID-19 disease. Additional details about the updated order will be available when it is finalized in the next day or two.

For more information about COVID-19 activities in these areas, Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Santa Clara, San Francisco, San Mateo, or Berkeley COVID-19 websites.

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YOUR GREEN CAN

What’s ok for Bolinas people to put into their Green can? And why is there so much confusion about this? As revealed in many recent Nextdoor postings, the confusion arises mainly because rules for Bolinas are different from the rest of Marin and phone operators at Recology often don’t note the difference when answering callers’ questions.

So here are the facts, sourced directly from Jennifer at the BCPUD; unlike that of other Marin towns, the content of Bolinas Green Cans goes to our local Resource Recovery site (instead of to the main facility in Novato) and our local Bolinas site is not licensed to accept or process food scraps or food-soiled paper.

HOWEVER, it turns out that RAW FRUITS AND RAW VEGGIES (but not cooked or in any way processed fruits and veggies) ARE ALLOWED IN THE GREEN CAN along with YARD WASTE! No other food of any kind or anything else at all is allowed in the Green can!

TO RESTATE THE BOTTOM LINE: it is ok to put RAW (but not cooked or processed) fruits and veggies, along with yard waste, into the Green Can. BUT NOTHING ELSE!

REPEAT: what is allowed in the Green Can is yard waste plus raw fruits and raw veggies. Nothing nothing nothing else!

So even if, for whatever reason, you don’t compost at home, there is still no need to dump into the grey garbage can (landfill) your apple cores, grapefruit and orange rinds, banana skins, carrot ends, and other remains of Raw Fruits and Raw Veggies! You can put all that Good Stuff into the Green Can, along with your Yard Waste, where all of it will have a happy afterlife becoming compost at the Bolinas Resource Recovery site! End of story!

Ellen Holmes

Submitted by: Ellen Holmes

THE RISE AND SHINE SHOW

Broadcasting remotely on Tuesday, March 31.
Tune in to KWMR 98.7 in Bolinas for some local updates and community news. And some relevant tunes like “I Can’t Touch This” by MC Hammer as well as local singer, songwriter Charisie Stewart’s original song “At the End.”

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Submitted by Mary Siedman -0997

WELL COME LET OUR FOOD BE THE HUG WE CAN’T GIVE YOU NOW BE WELL

Submitted by James Hiddle

Doodles throughout by Will Bartlett
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For more information, including an employment application and a complete position description, please download these documents from our website: www.bcpud.org.

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LOST & FOUND

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looks like a log, left about two weeks ago by mistake at the
Community Center in the chair by the phone and I really miss it,
it was a gift. Vicki 415.868.0931

VF 2/14

FOUND: A SMALL GOLDEN/BRASS RING AT THE
Brighton entrance to the beach, interwoven pattern. Call and
describe so it can be returned to you. A kind lady from Berkeley
found it and asked a couple of us at the PO how best to get it
back to its owner. There are still nice people in this sweet old
world! 415-868-2172

JM 2/3

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