MONDAY SEPT 28, 2020

BOLINAS HEARSAY NEWS

Happy Happy Birthday!

SEPT 28
Joshua Ford
Jesse Butter

SEPT 29
Sheri Tiller (Cates)
Jon Bruner
Linda Beigel
Taran Donahue Lewis

What’s Happening?!

WEDNESDAY SEPT 30
SPECIAL BCPUD WATER SUPPLY MEETING, 7:30PM
Discussing the likely implementation of water rationing, 7:30PM via teleconference

WEDNESDAY SEPT 30
MADELINE HOPE, 8:30am
Madeline Hope, Director of Tomales Bay Youth Center, Trash to Treasure Queen and all around Miracle Worker for our West Marin Youth, will speak online to the Rotary Club of West Marin. Email annerwm@gmail.com for an invitation!
WHAT HAPPENED
9-28-2020 Monday Morning Recap of the Week That Was
from Jennie Pfeiffer

What happened, among other things, was the fall equinox. We have gone from winter to spring to summer, and now autumn, all in this COVID 19 pandemic experience. That’s a lot of living time and for many, a dying time, saying final goodbyes to family members and close friends through windows or on zoom - such a strange time to live and die. I have noticed that people are finding ways to recalibrate their patterns and habits to accommodate moving forward with life in crises.

The fear and trepidation is evolving toward learning to live with caution and care as new patterns are established, finding the upside/changing the downside of this upside-down world we are in these days. New ways such as:

Establishing pods (neighborhoods, Mesa, school classes, townpods, parent pods, etc) with masks and safe distance outdoor events;

Neighborhood remarkable, random, rummage sales with masks and keeping safe distance (thanks Pam Springer and Birch Road neighborhood for your generous events);

Our school working toward a Shared Governance non-hierarchical administrative model, along with safe and equitable ways to educate our kids, starting with after school class options that create safe pods with masks and in-person out door fun;

Keeping "go bags/boxes" on the ready, masks and air filters for fire and smoke;

Moving forward with on-line opportunities to enable citizens to discuss ideas and responses to plans for much needed local housing, evolving to best scenarios for living lightly on the land;

Speaking up for equity and black lives, brown lives, indigenous lives, immigrant families’ lives, women’s lives, LGBT and non-conforming lives, mattering always and especially in this time of pandemic and pandemonium.

All are ways to approach facing the winds of change in the air, which is, as we know, when May Poppins arrives on scene. Hopefully she will get here before November 3rd. As my good friend John Glavis and I were contemplating, we could go for a May Poppins Presidency -- a diverse group of them perhaps, before hard winter arrives. POR, jp

THREE GREAT THINGS ABOUT THIS PLACE...

- We have an Asian pear tree that suddenly, this year decided to start pumping out fruit like crazy. I love the the inscrutable, unpredictable things that happen when you’re gardening.

- We tentatively started back to watching English professional soccer with friends, a treasured pre-COVID ritual. Slowly, ‘normal’ life is reasserting itself.

- The full ‘Corn’ moon is coming up this week. Air quality and fire danger permitting, friends and family will gather on Mt Tam to feast and watch it rise over the Berkeley hills.

-- Ned Riley

She’s an Artist

She enjoyed returning again and again
To haphazard fabrications
She started long ago...

But with the arrival of many new days
They called out for additions here
Subtractions and alterations there...

And always orientations
That absorbed her imagination
And gave her hints of the new version
Of herself she had become...

Like a responsive mirror
Neither wicked nor angelic
But so resilient and provocative...

Like an old truthful friend
Who loves the changes
And tacitly adores the continuities...

Jon Beek 9-27-20

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11 de septiembre de 2020
Aviso de intención de nombrar
Hay una vacante en la Junta de Síndicos del Distrito Escolar Unido de Bolinas-Stinson debido a la renuncia del miembro de la Junta Steve Marcotte a partir del 10 de septiembre de 2020. La Junta abrirá la vacante mediante nombramiento. Los detalles adicionales se publicarán en el sitio web de la escuela (bolinas-stinson.org), las oficinas de correo locales y los periódicos locales. La línea de tiempo es la siguiente:
1. Las solicitudes para el nombramiento para la vacante serán aceptadas en la Oficina del Distrito Escolar Unido de Bolinas-Stinson hasta el 9 de octubre de 2020. Las solicitudes se publicarán en el sitio web de la escuela o haciendo clic aquí.
2. Las entrevistas se llevarán a cabo el 13 de octubre de 2020 antes de la reunión ordinaria de la Junta.

THREE EASY PIECES

1. Clawfoot bathtub $100.
2. 71’ Opel G.T. Coupe’ 5k
3. 74’ Mercedes 450 S.L. 8k
Best offer or trade 868-0686
Bolinas Stinson
Young Stewards of the Land
September 25th 2020

What an amazing first day of Young Stewards for our Fall 2020 session! 11 of our 14 kiddos were able to show up and what an adventure ensued!

The Kids:
Two fourth graders.
Two fifth graders
Seven sixth graders

The Mentors:
Ben Lowrance
Sara Lieber
Audrey (USF student mentor with 2 Stewards sessions under her belt)

The crew met up, masked and distanced, at Agate Beach Parking Lot and started off with a game of Shadow Tag at the end of the parking lot. Handwashing and yummy homemade snacks came next before the crew ventured down to the beach and up Jack’s Creek to hang at the end of Poplar.

Ben introduced our themes for this Fall:
- First three weeks are ELEMENTS
- Second three weeks are FLORA
- Third three weeks are FAUNA

The program started off with AIR in the element series.
After an alternative game of Rock, Paper, Scissors - which was Rock, Air, Water - the crew headed from End of Poplar down towards Jack’s Cove. Well, most of the kiddos made it down, while 4 kids and the last adult got interrupted by a swarm of wasps that took off after them(!) This crew ended up back at the end of Poplar doing their own wind experiment while the rest of the group navigated AIR at the beach.

Don Jolley had made a fantastic activity for the kids to make a Wind Rose and assess where the wind was actually blowing from. Then using the Beaufort Scale the kids were to figure out what the sailors from the 1800s would name the specific air quality....

Everyone crossing the beach to get back to the mouth of Agate had to plan accurately when to run so the rising tide wouldn’t catch them. What an adventure! Everyone was thrilled, enthusiastic and grateful when we reconvened together at the Parking Lot.

Some things said at the end of the day:
- So glad there is this program, right now in crazy Covid time, so we can be out together.
- I’m grateful my friend stayed with me when we both got scared about the wasps at the same time.
- Thank you to my friend, who came back down to the beach with me, once I came to see where the missing group was.
- Thank you for the clear air!
- Thank you all for showing up and coming to have a good time together
- Thank you Sara, Ben and Audrey for being part of the program!

Next week our theme is WATER. More Young Stewards Adventures coming soon.

Lia Sabbatini, on behalf of the:
Bo-Stin Young Stewards of the Land

P.S. If you would like to know more about our program or make a donation, please check out: https://bostinyls.wordpress.com/

Pam and Bethany
A shout-out to Pam and Bethany and all their helpers for their creative rummage sales! What a creative idea to collect all our stuff and transform it into funds for non-profits! Yeah! Thank you!

Pat Dickens

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Ken & Sam Levin
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Timely Alternatives for Safe & Fun Holidays

Public Health Division shares advice for Halloween and Dia de los Muertos

San Rafael, CA – As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to cause illness, hospitalizations, and deaths in Marin County, the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is offering families safe and responsible options to celebrate Halloween and Dia de los Muertos while preventing the disease’s spread.

With October 31 five weeks away, HHS’ Public Health Division has released safe celebration guidelines, urging residents to seek at-home and virtual festivities and is strongly discouraging customary activities like door-to-door trick-or-treating or large multi-household parties, which can be high risk for COVID-19 transmission. Traditional celebrations encourage touching surfaces like doorbells, door handles, and candy bowls, and make it more difficult to maintain physical distancing.

All year long, traditional holiday activities often promote the congregating and mixing of households, which increases the risk of transmitting COVID-19. It is important to plan early and identify safer options, said Dr. Matt Willis, Marin County Public Health Officer.

“Adopting new ideas or making modifications to our customs can reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19, while allowing families a way to celebrate these time-honored traditions,” Willis said. “Regardless of how you choose to celebrate Halloween or Dia de los Muertos, it is important to maintain vigilance with wearing proper face coverings, practicing physical distancing and good hygiene, and keeping other personal protection measures in mind.”

One local alternative is the Marin Center’s Halloween Fair Food Drive-Thru Spooktacular between October 23 and November 1. Parents and kids may don their costumes and prepare to be spooked in the Marin Veterans’ Memorial Auditorium parking lot with family-friendly haunted surprises and activities while staying inside their cars.

Festive treats will range from pumpkin and ghost-themed candy apples, black-and-orange cotton candy, giant corn dogs, giant turkey legs, funnel cake, churros, kettle corn, caramel corn, strawberry lemonade, and more. Operated by the same team that presents the Marin County Fair each year, the Spooktacular will prioritize the safety of its guests and vendors. All event personnel will wear face coverings and gloves and will sanitize surfaces frequently as they deliver properly packaged food.

In addition, the Marin County Fair plans to host themed online contests throughout the month of October. Details will be posted to their Instagram and Facebook pages.

Some safer alternatives for celebrating Halloween or Dia de los Muertos include:

- Dressing up homes and yards with Halloween themed decorations, or decorating homes with images and objects to honor deceased loved ones.
- Online parties such as costume contests, pumpkin carvings or other virtual family celebrations.
- Car-based events (where individuals stay in their vehicles) that comply with public health guidance, such as:
  - Drive-by events or contests where individuals dress up or decorate their vehicles.
  - Drive-through events where individuals remain in their vehicles and drive through an area with Halloween displays.
  - Drive-in events where individuals can receive a treat bag (limited to commercially packaged non-perishable treats) or take away item(s) from an organizer while the participants remain in their vehicle.
  - Movie nights at drive-in theaters.
  - Holiday-themed meals at outdoor restaurants
  - Holiday-themed art installations at an outdoor museum.
  - Preparing traditional family recipes with members of your household.
  - Playing music in your home that your deceased loved ones enjoyed.
  - Making and decorating masks or making an altar for the deceased.

Contact the Bolinas Hearsay News at
868hearsay@gmail.com
Gatherings and events not allowed under current local and state health orders:

- Halloween gatherings, Dia de los Muertos celebrations, events or parties with non-household members are not permitted unless they are part of your household social bubble of 12 individuals or less, are conducted outdoors, and are otherwise in compliance with the social distancing health order.
- Carnivals, festivals, live entertainment, and haunted house attractions are not allowed.
- Going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household.
- Having a large dinner party with people from different households coming from different geographic locations.
- Attending large indoor celebrations with singing or chanting.

The full guidance (English) (Spanish) is available at Coronavirus.MarinhHS.org.

-submitted by Brent Ainsworth

Thanks to grants from the West Marin Fund, and The Buck Family Fund thru MCF, the hot meal program is again expanding. Chloe McCollum will keep us updated on the schedule, so please stay tuned.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING? Please let us know if you can deliver meals one evening a week to those who have a hard time leaving home. It only takes about a half hour - you come pick up the meals at the BCC kitchen, and deliver to houses by leaving the meals outside (for Covid safety).

INTERESTED IN DONATING? Please send checks to Bolinas Community Center to PO Box 122, or come to the kitchen window from 5-6 pm on meal nights, pick up food for yourself, and leave cash in the jar. The more donations we receive, the longer we can offer this appreciated service. Love, Molly mollymauguir@me.com

BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
BCPUD BOX 390 270 ELM ROAD BOLINAS
CALIFORNIA 94924 415 868-1224

Resident Permit Parking Plan Committee of the Board of Directors
10.3.2020 at 10 a.m.

Location: Teleconference

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-39-20 (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 Committee members by 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.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll.
3. Approve Minutes of Regular September 5, 2020 meeting and Special August 8, 2020 meeting.
4. Review feedback from test survey participants and BCPUD Board re: plan for survey and for obtaining County and Coastal Commission staff preliminary feedback.
5. Next steps and timeline update.
6. Community Expression (for items germane to this committee but not on the agenda).
7. Next Meeting Date.
8. Adjournment.
“Invoking the powers of the universe (Lest. Blessing of the Babies, Gushing Abroad) or bestowing our blessing on the Earth or other beings is neither a simple beneficent wish nor an act of hubris, rather it is an act of creative confidence. Emptied of the needs of our personality, our ego, or the demands of our society, we free ourselves to come into dynamic relationship with the whole universe. May all beings be happy.”

Earth Prayers

“We who had the welfare of the people at heart, would climb high into the mountains to meditate at the rising and the setting of the Sun, and we would not leave our post until we had an answer. We did not attempt to solve our problems amidst the noise of camp fire, but repaired to the mountain top—not only the physical mountain, but the mountain of the higher consciousness.”

White Eagle

“My brother the star, my mother the earth,
My father the sun, my sister the moon
to my life give beauty, to my body give strength;
to my work give goodness, to my house give peace
to my spirit give truth, to my elders give wisdom.”

Nancy Wood

Simplicity and naturalness are the
truest marks of distinction.
—Somerset Maugham

Fear less, hope more; eat less, chew more; whine less, breathe more; talk less, say more; love more, and all good things will be yours.

Swedish Proverb

The boy and girl going hand in hand through a meadow, the mother watching her baby, the sweet simple thing in life, we have almost lost track of them. On the other side, we over-intellectualize everything; on the other hand, we are over-mechanized. We can understand the danger of the atomic bomb, but the danger of our misunderstanding the meaning of life is much more serious.

Edward Steichen

Let’s Apple Time!
Minutes from the August 27th, 2020, Bolinas Fire Protection District Board Meeting, Via Zoom.

Pres. Molesworth called the meeting of the Bolinas Fire Protection District to order at 7:00 P.M. Vice Pres. Kimball, Dir. Torrey, and Dr. Dunne were present. Also present: Chief Krakauer, and Asst. Chief Marcotte and ASC Torrey/Dunne (unav.) to approve the Agenda.

CHIEF'S REPORT
The Chief's Meeting was cancelled due to the Woodward Fire.

MERA
The MERA meeting was cancelled due to lack of Agenda items.

Prevention
Updated under item 4C

Roads
The road closure at Commonwealth is still up, as well as a road closure at the Agate Beach parking lot and the bottom of the Bolinas-Fairfax road due to the Woodward Fire.

Training
Trainings have been focused on Wildland Firefighting.

It is the final week of training for the three Volunteers that are attending the Sisson EMT classes. The final skills test will take place on Saturday August 29th and then they are able to take the National Registry to become licensed.

Volunteers
One new Volunteer applicant is ready to be voted in.

Apparatus
E285 received its annual inspection. It’s in good shape.

U231 had a brake service completed.

U232 had a trailer hitch fabricated and installed by Ezra.

Disaster Council
Asst. Chief Marcotte reported that there was not much to update for the Disaster Council. He emailed the Disaster Council members that in the event of a fire they should be evacuated just like everyone else.

Chief Krakauer noted that it would be a good idea to check in with residents that need extra help in an emergency situation and add them to the at-risk list.

Resource Recovery
Asst. Chief Marcotte reported that, there are no updates for Resource Recovery.

Buildings and Grounds
Chief Krakauer reported that the Station generator received its annual service.

Vanguard conducted its annual sprinkler and fire alarm service and testing on August 20th.

We received our training container. Asst. Chief Marcotte and Duty Officer Pete Smith have a plan to set it up to offer numerous training evolutions including SCBA’s, ladder and room venting to name a few.

General Operations/Administration
The Station has been staffed with Volunteers either answering phone calls or helping to start an engine should we be requested to the Woodward incident.

With over four hundred fires burning throughout the State, resources have been drawn down. The Northern Rockies incident management team has taken over the incident and has freed up some of the Marin County Fire and Special Districts Resources for initial attack as more federal crews continue to stream in.

The Woodward Fire has burned 2,880 acres so far and a 9% contained. There are 428 personnel including aircraft, dozers, engines and hand crews. The Fire is burning North and West of the Bear Valley Trail and South of Limantour Road and tied onto the shoreline to the West. There has been some spotting over the Bear Valley Trail; however it was extinguished quickly each time. Tuesday night the fire made a run up the ridge through the Campground that warranted evacuation orders for Silver Hill, Norbert Way and Fox Drive. Air resources were able to slow that forward spread with hand crews. All other surrounding communities are still under an Evacuation Warning.

No extreme Weather is forecasted as of now. Fog and light southerly winds in the mornings with afternoon Northwest winds is the forecast. Next week things are looking slightly warmer with decreased fog layer.

E265 was at the Woodward Fire for four days last week, engine 263 has been assigned to a contingency immediate need structure defense task force should the fire become more active and threaten the communities surrounding the fire. We have assigned staffing plans throughout the week should we be requested.

Volunteers have been notified that it is highly recommended that they get tested for COVID every two weeks at the Marin HHS First Responder testing site in San Rafael. A number have already done so. This is the same policy other departments are implementing.

Ian Johnson has updated Quickbooks and is working on securing an account with Verizon to provide two District cell phones and an iPad for U219.

Administrative Assistant Cadance Lynam has finished working with Mary Morris from Nelson Staffing, many of us met virtually with Ian to go over the IT component of the Administrative Manual on August 26th. The VP, Kimball further updated the Board that he would like the District’s CPA, Michael O’Connor, the previous Administrative Asst. Molly Brown and the previous Chief Anita Tyrrell-Brown to also review the document and add or adjust things it sees necessary.

We have received three applications for the Administrative Manager position and possibly a fourth on the way. Dr. Torrey is viewing our accounts on the two job listing platforms, Indeed and Zip Recruiter, for potential qualified applicants. The end of the month is the application deadline.

GENERAL BUSINESS
Action Item #1 – Approve District Policy to Implement Background Checks for Employees and Volunteers

Dr. Torrey suggested that the Policy should only read for Volunteers, since the Volunteers and Employees hold two different positions and the hiring process is also different. Dr. Torrey suggested a separate policy be made for background checks for employees. The Board agreed with this suggestion and amended the Policy. The amended Policy reads "The Bolinas Fire Protection District requires all applicants for a volunteer position undergo a background check. The acceptance or disqualification of a candidate will be at the discretion of the Fire Chief." This is MISC / Torrey/Kimball (unav.) to approve district policy to implement background checks for volunteers.

Discussion – District Wildfire Preparedness and Response

Vice Pres. Kimball attended the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority Board meeting on August 20th. He reported that a new sub committee was formed for the purpose of proposing by-laws which were presented to the full Board. Vice Pres. Kimball said that none of the by-laws were adopted at the August meeting but they will likely be approved at the September meeting. He also noted that the process for selecting an Executive Officer has almost been completed.

Pres. Molesworth thanked Vice Pres. Kimball for all the work and time he has been putting into being part of the MWPA Board meetings.

Chief Krakauer updated the Board on the Chimper Day project. He commented that it has been very successful so far, with over 120 piles chipped. Big mesa had the largest participation and some residents were able to get rid of an additional pile after the little Mesa, downtown and Honesbeehill were taken care of.

Chief Krakauer reported that Don Murch has completed the mowing of the emergency access and egress roads on the Mesa. Chief Krakauer thanked Asst. Chief Marcotte and the other Volunteers that helped clean up and answer questions from residents. Asst. Chief Marcotte said it was very successful and most of the residents were grateful for the work being done.

Pres. Molesworth also thanked Asst. Chief Marcotte. Vice Pres. Kimball thanked Chief Krakauer and Asst. Chief Marcotte and commended them on their approach with the 4291 inspections.

Chief Krakauer commented that now is a good time to do more mowing since there is extra money in the budget for prevention. He said that he has been taking with other residents on the Mesa and many of them are working together to cut back areas with a lot of dry tall grass using their own money as well. He added that the community has really been coming together and many people have personally offered to help in many different ways.
FREE:
Free firewood, dry and cut. Southwest corner of Alder and Hawthorne.

FOR SALE:
Heavy duty brush mower. Recent tune-up. Good condition. Extra parts available. $400, OBO. Call 868-0986

A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT DROP OFF BOX WILL BE IN FRONT OF THE BCC OCT 6-NOV 3 2020

POLLING PLACE HOURS
BOLINAS COMMUNITY CTR
SAT OCT 31 9AM - 5PM
SUN NOV 1 9AM - 5PM
MON NOV 2 9AM - 5PM
TUES NOV 3 7AM - 8PM

Free Hot Meals
All are welcome. Take as you need, give as you can.

- 5pm @ BCC
- 5:30 @ Dogwood & Elm (house with the striped garage)
- Maya & Chloe: Bolinas Community Kitchen
- Nothing this week, but coming soon!
- 5pm @ BCC
- 5pm @ BCC

Maya & Chloe
Bolinas Community Kitchen
25 meals, first come first serve

Donations welcomed through Venmo: @MayaGiannini
Checks to the BCC (specify for hot meal program)
& in our cash donation jar @ give aways
(Please specify if you would like to donate to No Place Like Home as it is a separate program)

HEARSAY NEWS CLASSIFIEDS
Office Hours M.W.F. 10ish to noonish. 868-0138, or even better, 868hearsay@gmail.com
270 Elm at Maple, Left side of BPUD Building

SERVICES
WINDOWMAN: REPAIRS SINGLE AND DOUBLE PANE windows, sliding glass door rollers, screens. Reasonable.
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Clear prescription eyeglasses lost while walking from Pot Office to Elm & Cedar (via Terrace) 415 676-8180

LOST
Small green leather coin purse with all my ID as Susan Franklin. Please call Micah at 8938

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