Happy Happy Birthday!

Oct. 14
Annie Crotts

Oct. 15
Jerry Bohlman
Jason Rodgers
Ruby Lee
Howard Meyer (remembered)

Polling Place Hours

Bolinas Community Center

Sat Oct. 31 9am-5pm
Sun Nov. 1 9am-5pm
Mon Nov. 2 9am-5pm
Tues Nov 3 7am-8pm

The Bolinas Hearsay News is produced on the ancestral occupied territories of the Coast Miwok People. The Hearsay recognizes the genocide of Indigenous Peoples in California and the systemic inequalities that persist today because of our past and present state of colonialism.
I made a mistake. I owe the town an apology. It was innocent, to a degree, this mistake I made. Let me tell you.

It was a blustery day last week, the wind was whipping through the channel. The smell of dead fish and unresolved angst filled the air. I chose in this mid-day moment to be a lone surfer in the channel, which wasn't so much because I wanted to surf, and the conditions were not enticing, but I needed this surf.

Alone I paddle across the groin, as westerly winds smacked my ass. The promise of an exciting session decreased with every splash of dead fish water to the face, but I persevered. In front of me as I approached the best middle bar seen in years I noticed I was not alone. Exciting! Someone to share this horror with!

As I got closer, all of a sudden I got a little bit excited. You see, I had heard there was a new famous person surfing in these parts, and while I ain't no star f*cker, I do like familiarity on the global scale. As I approached it all made sense, the fellow was aloof, wearing a hat, this must be that famous person I had heard of.

You know they say that the camera adds 5 pounds, so even though they didn't look exactly the same, I figured close enough.

I slowly started making conversation, excited that I was about to break through, to share a bond, to relate to someone. I played it cool. I was aloof, caught my waves shared and shared alike. I yeeewwwwed when it was time to yeeewee. I commented "nice" when it was time to comment "nice".

I learned that my new bff had just moved to Stinson, and the whole story in my head was coming together. Came to visit, had a great surf sesh, town was cool, decided to move here, was surfing the channel mid-day. It all made sense.

I started talking about when I moved to town myself and discovered all the magic little breaks popping up and the fresh sand and the glorious patch and all of it subtle nuances. Sharing my knowledge like a church lady sharing fried chicken. They said they had never been over there, but would check it out. I felt so helpful.

Eventually the hours went by, and my new found friend caught a most excellent wave, all the way to Smiley's almost. As they got out, they waved back at me.

I was in.
I quickly departied the water, moped'd home and got to work texting all my peeps.

Me: OMG guess who I just surfed with in the channel... none other than [REDACTED].

Everyone: No way! I heard they were surfing the channel

Me: Yeah it WAS AMAZING!!! YEAH THEY MOVED HERE OMG....

As the hours and days went by, I leaked more and more of my little secret, starting a small chain of gossip swirling around. I told the friends, the cohorts, the teenagers.

A few days later I was in the Patch, and lo and behold, there they are. THEY CAME OVER TO THE PATCH CAUSE I SHARED WITH THEM!

But something was amiss, you see. Sometimes I have a problem with faces, like when a word looses meaning and just becomes letters, mild dyslexia I believe. You see I wasn't so sure this time about my bff being who I thought they were. It was a glorious sunny day, glass and perfect. I quickly paddle over to a confidant and explain my concerns.

"I think that person is famous, but I am not so sure now. Can you paddle over and let me know what your take is?"

I asked 3 people to help, and guess what. I was wrong. You see, this fellow was a good looker, and had the trappings of my famous bro desire, but as I was informed, was decidedly NOT filled with fame.

So here it is, my apology to all of those who I ruffled the feathers of. Those who were excited and those who were dismayed that we are becoming a northern Malibu.

On a cloudy, stinky, miserable day, I brightend it up with some innocent fantasy, and when the sun rose, and the skies parted another day, that fantasy was just that.

Please pardon my legit hearsay cannon up in this piece.

-Wil Bartlett

NO COST, TO GO MEALS ARE BACK AT THE BCC KITCHEN. THIS WEEK IT WILL BE WEDS, THURS & FRI 5-6

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West Marin's Best
Dear Neighbors and Friends,

Over the last several weeks as I am sure you are aware, there has been a lot of back and forth about the BCLT’s downtown project, especially on Nextdoor. Personally, and I am sure for many of you, it’s become hard to follow. Although Nextdoor and our virtual platforms are great tools for voicing our personal thoughts, they tend to make it hard to have productive and informative conversations, answer people’s questions and keep forward momentum.

In an effort to give some perspective of this project, here is a timeline of input opportunities and the general movement of this project, I hope this is helpful and useful to anyone interested.

What’s happened so far:
Here is a list of the history of our downtown project and our opportunities for community input and discussion along the way

- January 2019 - BCLT property acquisition
- February 25, 2019 - Notice to the community about the acquisition
- February 2019 - Project was added to the BCLT website with quarterly updates
- March 23, 2019 - First community meeting about the project*
- Community working groups were formed for both the Downtown and Mesa Road projects - groups met monthly at the Fire House meeting room until COVID - meetings were public
- April 1, 2019 - Update about plans and preliminary drawings made public
- July 2019 - Submitted for coastal permits
- October 2019 - BCPUD meeting in regards to water use for downtown project
- November 2019 - Banner with project elevations and drawings was put on display at project site
- November 14, 2019 - Second community meeting about project with Architect
- May 6, 2019 - Third community meeting (on zoom) about project with Architect and Planning Consultant

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What's happening right now:
These are the ways in which you can participate and make your voice heard currently and when to expect further info about the survey data and the questions that are coming out of the online conversations.

- September 16 to present: Survey available on BCLT website homepage for all residents and homeowners to take
- Thursday 10/15: Surveys available for filling out at project site from 3pm - 6pm
- Friday 10/16: Survey closes
- Friday 10/23: Survey data, main concerns and info published on all social platforms, hearsay and our website

What will come next:
Although we don’t have dates for these items yet, this is the order in which to expect what comes next and we will make sure they are made public with notice at each next step on our website, social media, Nextdoor and in the Hearsay
- County Hearing for coastal permit approved (Deputy Zoning Administrator/DZA Meeting)
- Engineering and construction drawings
- Building permits applied for and received
- Construction
- Community open house
- Tenant selection and move in

We would like to thank everyone for sharing their input and engaging in conversation about Bolinas and our housing crisis. While we continue our work, we would like to encourage EVERYONE who has showed such passionate interest in affordable housing and community sustainability during this time to join us by becoming members. As members you can attend our monthly board meetings and will receive our quarterly reports with details on our work and project updates! It's a great way to give input in real time and learn all that goes into making affordable housing possible, its no easy feat!

As always, please reach out with your questions, concerns, your excitement and need. We are here with you and for you Bolinas. Let's build a future together that will create community and security for generations to come.

- Evan Wilhelm (Managing Director, BCLT)

EMT GRADUATES

Let's hear a shout out to Luke Arnold, Michael Krakauer and Walter Blair Tom! They are our volunteer firefighters who just completed their EMT course and are now officially EMTs! Now as well as firefighters, they can assist our community with medical calls! Yeah and Congratulations!

With gratitude to them and our Bo firefighters,
Pat Dickens

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Help Marin Avoid the Flu-COVID 'Twindemic'

Doctors strongly recommend seasonal influenza vaccination soon

San Rafael, CA — Marin County Public Health officials are urging Marin residents to get a flu shot this season. There is no vaccination for the COVID-19 coronavirus yet, but there is one for the seasonal influenza. Doctors with Marin County Public Health are working to prevent a local "twindemic" of COVID-19 and regular flu cases by urging everyone to take necessary precautions and get vaccinated.

"Every flu season, intensive care units across Marin are substantially impacted by people seriously ill with influenza," said Dr. Matt Willis, Marin County Public Health Officer. "If you're eager to put the pandemic behind us, we urge you to get a flu shot to reduce the chances of influenza crossing paths with COVID-19. Managing surges in both illnesses would over-burden an already taxed healthcare system."

The flu shot recommendation is more urgent than in past years — especially as Marin and other Bay Area counties settle into gradual and cautious reopening plans that result in more human mingling.

The typical flu season is between October and May. Marin County Public Health tracks flu activity by analyzing laboratory testing data and visits to local emergency departments for flu-like illness. The team produces a monthly influenza surveillance report that summarizes local activity and has links to statewide and national flu activity.

"With more Marin schools reopening campuses soon for in-person learning, it's imperative to immunize children before in-classroom instruction begins," Willis said.

This year the percentage of children up-to-date on immunizations has fallen statewide as parents delay routine visits to pediatricians during the pandemic. Marin County Public Health regularly communicates with parents of school-aged children about keeping students current with immunizations, which are required for school attendance. As for COVID-19 and classroom instruction, Marin County Public Health offers more guidance and resources online.

"Your child's annual flu shot visit is the perfect time to catch up on other required vaccinations," Willis said. "This is not the year to skip or delay immunizations."

Flu activity usually increases in late November and December in California. It takes a couple of weeks after a flu shot for the body to build an immunity, which is why September through early November is a critical period for seasonal flu vaccinations.

The seasonal flu and COVID-19 can exhibit some of the same symptoms, including fever, cough, body aches, chills. Besides getting immunized, residents should take the following preventive actions to stop the spread of germs:

- Wear a face covering.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay away from people who are sick.
- Stay home when you or your child are sick for at least 24 hours after symptoms go away.
- Wash hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and warm water.
- When washing hands isn't an option, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or, if one isn't available, into your elbow.
- Use hand sanitizer or wash hands after coughing or sneezing.

For those with medical insurance, flu shots are free as a preventive service at doctor's offices and most retail pharmacies (e.g., Costco, CVS, RiteAid, Safeway, Walgreens). Those without health insurance can obtain free or low-cost flu shots through local community clinics.

Submitted by Brent Ainsworth

Free Flu Immunization
/Vacuna de Influenza Gratis

Dates:
Thurs/ Jueves Oct. 15
Thurs/ Jueves Oct. 22
Thurs/ Jueves Oct. 29
Thurs/ Jueves Nov. 5
Thurs/ Jueves Dec. 3

Time/ Horario:
11:00am-12:00pm

*First come first serve while supplies last/ Se le atiende en orden de llegada

BOLINAS COMMUNITY CENTER

Weekly Class Schedule For October 2020
Classes begin on the 18th

* NO CLASSES SATURDAY OCTOBER 31ST TO TUESDAY NOVEMBER 3RD POLLING PLACE*

MONDAY
Release with Shannon
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

TUESDAY
Elder Diaspora Dance w/Amber Hines
9:00 am - 10:30 am

WEDNESDAY
THURSDAY
USDA Food Bank
12:00 pm

FRIDAY
SATURDAY
Ballet w/Erika
9:00 am - 10:30 am

SUNDAY
Diaspora Dance w/ Amber Hines
9:30 am - 10:30 am

Call 868-2128, check the Library Marquee, Calendar in BCC
Poyer or visit www.bocenter.org for more info & special events!
Dear Community,

Bolinas has a deep history of facing challenges head on and working together towards innovative solutions to make our community stronger.

COVID19 has rocked the education system as we know it. As Ever-changing safety protocols and erratic enrollment numbers have become commonplace. Yet our local school administrators, staff, and community have worked tirelessly to reduce virus transmission risk and create exciting possibilities for curriculum transformation at Bolinas-Stinson Beach School.

Today, we need your financial support as Bolinas-Stinson Beach School and devoted parents create a learning model that can safely transition to in-person learning on campus, improve upon the current curriculum, and offer equitable after-school enrichment.

In addition to providing the traditional $20k+ per year in after school scholarships, BSBASF aspires to help fund outdoor STEM programs during the school day. Our goal is to raise $75,000 by October 31, 2020.

Exciting outdoor STEM learning via partnerships with Lawrence Hall of Science at UC Berkeley, the Natural Resource, Don Edwards, Slide Ranch, and Point Reyes National Seashore Association are a few new programs being developed today. Research shows outdoor education leads to positive behavioral, academic, and mental health outcomes, as well as increased community engagement, and civic action.

Also, our after school programs coordinator, Jane Yerington, re-adapted our outdoor spaces for in-person after school enrichment (within the school designated red zones) that began this fall. Even during distance learning, after school pre-school, Youth Group, Horseback Riding, Plein Air drawing, Theatre, Lagoon Swimming, Stewards of the Land, and Music has been offered to our students.

We, the Bolinas-Stinson Beach School Foundation, firmly support this work by continuing to ensure that ALL of our students receive equitable, safe, engaging learning, as well as academic enrichment and emotional support both during the day and after school.

Join us in supporting creative, resilient, community-based solutions to education this year and beyond. We hope that by leveraging our natural surroundings, our deep sense of community, and our inherent creative capacity, we can make the 2020-2021 school year exceptional and create long-standing improvements for our children in the coming years. Thanks to those who have already supported us through our GoFundme site. We have raised $2800 to date.

To make a tax-deductible donation, please send checks to P.O. Box 48, Bolinas, CA 94924 or visit https://gf.me/u/y28r87.

The Bolinas Stinson Beach School Foundation

Help us raise $75,000 to subsidize STEM professional development, create outdoor education programs, and support afterschool enrichment

BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

PLEASE REMEMBER - HEIGHTENED WATER CONSERVATION ALERT IN EFFECT - PLEASE REDUCE YOUR WATER CONSUMPTION!!!

As we experience the forecasted hot weather this week, it is especially important for everyone to keep their water consumption as low as possible. The BCPUD is asking all customers to limit their water use to no more than 150 gallons per day per connection (not per person) until sufficient rains occur to replenish our supplies. Letters will be hand-delivered and sent via U.S. Mail beginning today to all customers using more than 150 gallons of water per day at their property asking them to reduce their usage immediately.

As a reminder; on June 18, 2020, the BCPUD Board of Directors triggered a heightened water conservation alert with the goal of achieving an immediate 20-30% reduction in water use throughout the town. This action was necessitated by the limited nature of our water supply, compounded by extremely low rainfall and ongoing dry weather conditions. While overall water consumption in town has declined by approximately 20% since June (thank you!), our water supplies continue to be extremely stressed and conservation efforts in town have stalled.

At a special meeting of the BCPUD Board of Directors on September 30, 2020, staff reported that additional voluntary conservation efforts are needed, particularly by the highest water users in town, to avoid mandatory rationing and to ensure a sufficient supply of water until the rains replenish supplies. (A copy of the staff presentation to the Board at this meeting is posted on our website at www.bcpud.org).

Please do whatever you can to reduce your water usage to 150 gallons per day or less immediately. If you have an irrigation system, please restrict its use or, better yet, turn it off completely at this time. Please set timers for showers to limit them to 3–5 minutes. Please do not run appliances for partial loads; wait until you have full loads. For additional tips on water conservation and instructions on how to read your water meter to track your water use, please consult our website at www.bcpud.org or call our office at (415) 868-1224 on weekdays between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Thank you!!

Jennifer Blackman

Cool Coastal Greens and then some!

STAR ROUTE FARMSTAND

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Friday 12 - 5 PM • Roadside In Our Field
BOLINAS-COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT
BCPUD BOX 390 270 ELM ROAD
BOLINAS CALIFORNIA 94924 415
868 1224

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General Manager
October 14, 2020