Winter Time Ritual

("Send My Path"
widening some,
intentionally closing others.
always encouraging delight.

("Prune and Compost"
clear away what does
not serve me, set it
aside. Slowly it transforms
into sustenance for
tomorrow's blossoms.

("Root Down"

Submitted by
Melinda Stone

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What's Happening?

TODAY, TOMORROW, FRIDAY
Free hot meals at the BCC, 5pm.

Thursday December 31
New Year's Eve
Stay warm, stay safe

Virtual Variety Show and Prix Fixe meal
at Smiley's, see inside for details.

Friday January 1
HELLO 2021!!!

Saturday January 2 - Tuesday January 12
Rain in the forecast EVERY DAY!
* Pray for mushrooms *

Wednesday January 6
Coastal Health Alliance Bolinas Clinic
open on Wednesday mornings
(by appointment) starting today

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Happy Birthday!

December 30 No one! You?

December 31 David Franklin
Miles Tune
Cabé Silverhame

January 1 Rosemary Sanchez
Jill Moore

Happy New Year

Thank you to Hearsay readers,
advertisers, subscribers, and
contributors for keeping us going
in the weirdest year ever.
—Editor

Editor Nicole Lavelle
URGENT MESSAGE FROM THE WEST MARIN COVID OUTBREAK PREVENTION TEAM:

Since Thanksgiving there has been a significant increase in Marin residents testing positive for COVID-19. This increase in cases is continuing and there is great concern about the current holidays and that we will see a continued increase in cases. Our Healthcare system is at maximum capacity. The primary reason for increase in cases has been documented as private gatherings indoors. Please be vigilant and safe this week as we head into New Year’s Eve and New Year’s day.

Please comply with Stay at Home order: https://covid19.ca.gov/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/#/regional-stay-home-order

Ensure New Years Gatherings are safe. In-person gatherings should be limited to those people you live with. However, virtual gatherings can include as many households as you’d like!

Additional ideas for alternative gatherings: https://coronavirus.marincounty.org/safe-holiday-celebration-ideas

Watch this important message from local hospital staff: https://youtu.be/R_FGvo1CW4I

Thank you and Happy New Year!

(The West Marin COVID Outbreak Prevention Team is a group of community based organizations working with Marin Public Health to help neighbors and families during the COVID-19 pandemic.)

—Submitted by Dinelle Abram

MENSAJE URGENTE DEL EQUIPO DE PREVENCIÓN DE BROTES DE COVID DE WEST MARIN:

Desde el Día de Acción de Gracias, ha sido un aumento significativo en los residentes de Marin que dan positivo por COVID-19. Este aumento de casos continúa y hay una gran preocupación por las vacaciones actuales y que veremos un aumento continuo de casos. Nuestro sistema de salud está al máximo de su capacidad. La razón principal del aumento de casos es debido a las reuniones privadas en interiores. Por favor, esté atento y seguro esta semana mientras nos acercamos a la víspera de Año Nuevo y al día de Año Nuevo.

Por favor, cumpla con la Orden de Quedarse en Casa: https://covid19.ca.gov/es/stay-home-except-for-essential-needs/

Asegúrese de que las reuniones de Año Nuevo sean seguras. Las reuniones en persona deben limitarse a las personas con las que vive. Sin embargo, ¡las reuniones virtuales pueden incluir tantos hogares como desee! Ideas adicionales para reuniones alternativas: https://coronavirus.marincounty.org/safe-holiday-celebration-ideas

Vea este mensaje importante del personal de un hospital local: https://youtu.be/UuKqA6Nz3U

¡Gracias y Feliz Año Nuevo!

(El Equipo de Prevención de Brotes de COVID de West Marin es un grupo de organizaciones comunitarias que trabajan con la Salud Pública de Marin para ayudar a los vecinos y las familias durante la pandemia de COVID-19.)

—Presentado por Dinelle Abram
If you do not have a readable number sign on your house

We are planning on making Number # signs for peoples houses free this coming week. Get on board. NOW is the time!

If the fire department needs to find you a sign on your gate, or door, or entrance saves time. To help us help you and find you in an emergency it would be great if you give us your request and we make you a sign. If you want to buy one make sure it's reflective. We have reflective backing so it will show up day and night.

MATERIALS Supplied FREE

We have reflective backing so it will show up day and night.

WE WILL MAKE THE SIGN FOR YOU. You will get a simple # sign ready to nail up. FREE and important.

Be safe Vickisa & Ron Brown

HOUSE NUMBER, Email, Name, Phone, Address

Put dots where you want nails then leave this info in the BOX in front of the fire Station or email this info to sign@bolinasfire.org

"Eloping to the backyard garden"

John Vance and Bill Quist

October 2020, Married by Dr. Donsey Blake

- and -

Before the slow motion walk-around reception.

"4th of July"

Submitted by Bill Quist

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Self Enchantment

Interbreeding weird co-emotions
As a foreplay to a yet unbeknownst
Birth in the thickets
Of this momentary hiatus
Here where I may have dalliance
Under the gentle groves
Of sycamore and hickory....

The earth beneath my feet
Is so soft and dark
So rife with innumerable emerald grasses
And tiny radiant herbs
That embroider my lulling imagination
Here in this Elysian field....

Where I can hear the mysterious
Polyphony of birds singing
Amidst gentle breezes that swash
My weary mind into a bemused state
Of anticipation for the play
That has already begun....

Happy New Year All!

Jan Broek

THE BCC BOARD AND STAFF
WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A
HUGE
THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED
MONEY AND/OR TIME TO 2020’S
CHRISTMAS MEAL.

THANK YOU TO KEVIN, SUMMER,
BABETTE, MELINDA AND ANNE FOR
COOKING AND SERVING, KEVIN AND
MOLLY FOR COORDINATING AND DOING
MEAL DELIVERY. THANK YOU, THANK
YOU, THANK YOU.
The Earth Has a Preference

"Energy efficiency means using less energy to provide the same service."

Greetings Bolinas,

Again, those story poles were the beginning of this public discussion—at least in most people’s mind—not the end of the legal public consent process. I respectfully request the Land Trust to leave them up. Though to some it may not feel like it, to the greater community this physical illustration has been very useful. That is, if one believes in open discussion.

Some citizens may like an underground parking garage, but the Earth doesn’t. Nor does she like carving into a naturally stable hillside to shoe-horn in a building and secure it with truckload after truckload of concrete. This plan requires much more energy and carbon expenditure and therefore more money and less environmental sensitivity, all of which should be of great concern to the community.

It’s pretty simple: the less fuel/energy expenditure to create the building to serve its just cause, the more sustainable the future. And to us and Earth, the better location is across the road on a relatively flat site for construction with plenty of regular parking available and two access ways.

The one car per unit loophole because of the available but inadequate public transportation (4 hours to and from Pt. Reyes) is disconnected to our Bolinas vehicular reality which grows more crowded by the day. Also, if located across the street, the building would be closer to the Gibson House meter, which any plumber would appreciate.

Certainly there are various impediments to administratively swapping locations, so why don’t we look at these? Are these truly insurmountable? Don’t we know that such things are at bottom, usually negotiable?

We are told that the funding has a deadline by which it must be spent. Perhaps it is renewable. County and State Planning—having people who are highly trained to evaluate land-use design options—could well recognize that the community has found an environmentally better and less expensive solution. They should like that. Ditto Burnt Park and the notion that it is to remain as is in perpetuity. That perpetuity could simply jump across the road to a perpetually better place for human beings, gardens, animals, and outdoor art.

I want downtown housing. But at the same time I don’t want the town to make what seems to me to be a big mistake. It is not within our traditions or creativity to make this sort of obvious mistake. Our 50 + year history has shown that time and again we have had the foresight to avoid such blunders. And that of itself is something to be enormously proud of.

My thanks for the comments and to the Hearsay News. They are promoting civil dialogue and encouraging the town to express itself in conversation and illustration.

It is appropriate here to especially thank Michael Rafferty for this creation. He has been a Bolinas visionary.

Rudi Ferris
Coastal Health Alliance

Update to Coastal Health Alliance Bolinas Site Reopening:

January 2021: Wednesday mornings, starting 1/6/21 - routine care with Dr. O'Malley

To be seen in-person in Bolinas, please call 415-663-8666. At this time, we must schedule you in advance. We will update you as soon as we are able to offer walk-up appointments.

Your safety and health are our highest priorities. Please remember to wear a mask, wait outdoors for your appointment until you are called in, and remain at a distance from other patients who are waiting for clinic services.

Free Hot Meals

All are welcome. Take as you need, give as you can.

- Delivery available. Contact Molly Maguire (415) 551-6980 mollymaguire@me.com
- Donations welcomed through Venmo: @BolinasCommunityKitchen
- Check 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)

Comidas Calientes Gratis

Todos son bienvenidos. Toma lo que necesites, da lo que puedas.

Application Period Open for Rental Assistance

New phone line created to handle residents' requests for help

The County of Marin has created a new phone number and email address to guide residents with requests for financial rental assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. Anyone needing help paying rent may call (415) 473-2223 or email staff to learn more about the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, which is open for applications now.

About $3 million in rental assistance has been disseminated in Marin since March, and roughly $2.8 million more is allotted for the next round of funding. The new phone line was created to provide specialized aid to individuals seeking rental assistance - regardless of citizenship status - and allow the Marin County Public Health's public information line for the COVID-19 emergency to focus on assisting with questions about coronavirus testing, vaccines, and business guidelines.

Edited for length; see complete press release at marincounty.org/news

—Submitted by Editor
PART TWO OF TWO

Continued from Monday December 28

Minutes from the November 19th, 2020, Bolinas Fire Protection District Board Meeting, Via Zoom.

Apparatus

Flatbed truck 1223 had mechanical problems on the day of the Halloween Rainstorm in the Pinellas. Firefighter Joe Walker fixed it. Fire Chief later diagnosed the issue, and local mechanic Nick Wisemiller replaced the hydro-boost, steering pump, and radiator at a very economical rate.

Disaster Council

Aust. Chief Martellone reported that one resident had expressed interest in volunteering as an area coordinator for Horseshoe Hill Road, and another resident volunteered to serve as neighborhood liaison. Only the area of Terrace Avenue remains without a local coordinator. Aust. Chief Martellone is now shifting his focus to certification renewals for volunteers.

Resource Recovery

Aust. Chief Martellone met with GM Jennifer Blackman and technical advisor Jeff Creque. State legislation will come into effect beginning February 2021 requiring businesses and multifamily residences to put food scraps into green bins, and thus expected to have significant operational and financial impacts on Resource Recovery. Dir. Kimball suggested compiling financial impact projections to submit to Marin Waste Management Authority for potential additional funding. Martellone, Blackman, and Creque also discussed concerns around succession planning, as well as the eventual breakdown of the loader.

Buildings and Grounds

Chief Krakauer noted a few routine plumbing issues including leaking toilets and seals to be addressed.

General Operations/Administration

Chief Krakauer reported one engine and a crew of seven participated in a controlled burn on the Martin Griffin Preserve as part of Anderson Canyon Ranch Fire Forward Program. Due to rain, the burn was postponed from Saturday, November 14th to Sunday, November 15th. Burning was slow, but saw work was also accomplished. The District crew had a great time, and was highly appreciated. There may be additional burn opportunities later this season.

Chief Krakauer reported updates related to COVID-19. On November 17th, Miriam Coyote went from tier 3 (orange) to tier 2 (red), meaning new restrictions. Consequently, the District’s Community Meeting Room is once again closed.

Chief Krakauer reports that the “First responder” testing site in San Rafael is now closed, but he is exploring on-site testing through Marin County and Curative, Inc. Dir. Martelloni reported a very successful first round of testing at Marin County Fire using Curative, Inc. Chief Krakauer has a telephone meeting with the Curative, Inc. representative on Friday, November 20, to set up the service agreement. Dir. Martelloni noted that testing can be done as needed through this provider.

Chief Krakauer thanked Dir. Martinelli for providing a distinct foggier. The fogger has been tested and is ready to go.

Chief Krakauer and Isaac are researching HEPA and UV air filtration devices for use inside the station.

Chief Krakauer reported that auditor Paul Kaymark indicated a draft audit should be done soon, and before the December Board meeting.

Isaac obtained a draft policy for potential security cameras at BFPD from TAC. Chair Alex I. and Chief Krakauer met with Michael Cavette, Mesa Park manager, to discuss a potential partnership to include the park in security cameras plan. Policy may need to be expanded to encompass this partnership.

Ian is setting up a new Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) telephone system at the station.

Chief Krakauer, Ian and Isaac had a phone call with Sac Wireless representative, clarifying substantial miscommunication between Crown Castle and Verizon. After clarifying that the District has no intent to terminate the lease, the Sac Wireless representative indicated that a new cellular lease contract will be drawn up for the Board to review.

Surfers’ Overlook Repair/Terrace Avenue

No Update.

Personnel

Chief Krakauer thanked Cadance for stepping in to cover administrative essentials while Isaac is hospitalized and in recovery.

Chief Krakauer reported Isaac is doing great, and acknowledged time will be needed for him to get completely familiar with all aspects of District administration.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Action Item #1 – Administration of Oaths of Office to Directors

Chief Krakauer administered the Oath of Office to Dir. Dame. Chief Krakauer administered the Oath of Office to Vice Pres. Kimball.

Chief Krakauer administered the Oath of Office to Dir. Martelloni.

Action Item #2 – Approve Resolution 2021-10, Resolution of the Bolinas Fire Protection District authorizing Overtime and Portal-To-Portal Pay for Employees & Volunteers responding away from their home while on duty.

Chief Krakauer explained that the District must go through a process with CalOES in order to be reimbursed for out-of-district assignees for emergency response or pre-position. Part of that process involves submitting a salary survey to CalOES to receive reimbursement rates for personnel, and establishing a policy for portal-to-portal pay, which allows reimbursement for travel time to and from out-of-district emergencies. MSCP Torrey-Martelloni (unan.) to approve the Resolution.

Discussion – District Wildfire Preparedness and Response

Dir. Kimball attended the MWPA Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 17. The committee reviewed the first iteration of the MWPA Bondback plan and plans to work with the Operations Committee through December and January to refine budgetary assumptions for fiscal year 2020-2021, and use that as a basis for an updated budget for 2021-2022.

Dir. Kimball also attended today’s regular monthly MWPA board meeting, where among many things they discussed the approach to CEQA. The MWPA Board will work with the Operations Committee to put together the advice on this process.

Several environmental groups have weighed in on each board, and there is optimism that MWPA can establish a partnership approach with these organizations. Dir. Kimball remarks that Bruce Goins is doing a good job, and that the board is coming together impressively.

Chief Krakauer notes the recent MWPA-funded Chipper Day was a success, and full at nearly 60 spots. Chief Krakauer noted that the crew finished early and were able to remove a problem tree from the Little Mesa area. This was the last Chipper Day scheduled for this year.

Chief Krakauer and Asst. Chief Martellone met with two community members about wildlife preparedness on Oct. 29th. They want to set up an additional meeting with Ray Moritz, a consulting arborist in urban forestry. The community members expressed interest in conducting a wildlife risk assessment for Bolinas. Dir. Kimball noted the importance of emphasizing compliance with all CEQA requirements.

Chief Krakauer reported plans to proceed with some additional moving operations over the winter months.

Chief Krakauer is waiting on further instructions from Firesafe Marin before distributing seven NOAA weather stations to at-risk community members. Vice Pres. Kimball and Dir. Martelloni advised caution to ensure program is fully operational with Firesafe Marin and CalOES prior to distributing additional stations.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MSC Dame/Martelloni (unan.) to approve the Consent Calendar. PUBLIC EXPRESSION None. BOARD MEMBER REPORT None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Updates from Finance and Budget, Personnel, Building and Grounds and Operations Working Group.

Finance Committee – Chief Krakauer, Pres. Moleson, Vice Pres. Kimball and Isaac met on Nov. 11th to assess year-to-date budget vs. actual financials. The view was incomplete due to substantial outstanding expected expenses, and we agreed to meet again in January when the revenue picture is more complete. Topics discussed included Transient Occupancy Tax revenue projections and the California Employer Pension Pre-Funding Trust (CEPPT).

Isaac had a phone call with Roy Given at the Department of Finance, who provided property tax revenue projections and a summary of year-to-date.

Chief Krakauer and Isaac discussed the CEPPT with Shelly at Inverness Public Utility District.


Personnel Committee – No Update.

Buildings and Grounds – No Update.

Operations Working Group – No Update.

PERSONNEL MATTERS None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Dir. Torrey commented Isaac for attending tonight’s board meeting while recovering from emergency surgery in the hospital. Vice Pres. Kimball and Dir. Dame also thanked Isaac and wished him a quick recovery.

Vice Pres. Kimball thanked his appreciation for Dir. Martelloni for remaining engaged with the Board of Directors while also taking on significantly more responsibilities with Marin County Fire.

Vice Pres. Kimball suggested a gesture of appreciation from the District, in lieu of the volunteer appreciation dinner, for the efforts of all staff and volunteers through the exceptional challenges of this year. Dir. Danne offered to assist with such an effort.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Dame/Torrey (unan.) to adjourn at 8:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Isaac Taylor

Administrative Manager

Note: Minutes of all Board meetings are available for review at the Bolinas Library and on the District’s website www.bolinasfire.org.
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A LOCAL FAMILY OF FOUR
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SINGLE GUY, LONGTIME INVERNESS RESIDENT
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LOST & FOUND

LOST: CLEAR PRESCRIPTION EYEGLASSES
lost while walking from Pot Office to Elm & Cedar (via Terrace) 415 676-8180

11/18

LOST: SMALL GREEN LEATHER COIN PURSE
with all my IDs as Susan Franklin. Please call Micah at -0938

11/18

LOST: SMALL SHORT SLEAVED PURPLE TSHIRT;
between end of wharf side of beach, to car, close to beach. Sentimental Value, REWARD. Flower Sierra 831-747-4540

FS11/18

LOST: Clip-On Sunglasses lost 10/16
Call Jody Angel 415-264-5541

JA 11/18

FREE

FREE FIREWOOD, DRY AND CUT.
Southwest corner of Alder and Hawthorne.

DP 10/20

HELP WANTED

SKILLED AND EXPERIENCED SUPPORT
needed for partially completed residential solar hot water and photovoltaic installation in Bolinas. I need to find a like-minded person to complete and maintain my home brew installation. Some ongoing handyman work is also needed. Pay is $30/hr based on skills and output. Please reply or offer leads 415-868-1060. Calm and friendly environment with Covid mindfulness

NH 12/11