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Says "Bolinas Is A Very Nice Town" Contd. On Page 2

WHAT'S HAPPENING?!!?

STAY HOME - SOCIAL DISTANCE - WASH YOUR HANDS

Wednesday, April 1
JOKES ABOUND

Thursday, April 2
FOODBANK BCC
SENIORS 11 AM
ALL ELSE 12-1PM
PT. REYES BOOKS
ONLINE BOOK CLUB 12PM

Friday, April 3
QUARANTINE
DREAMS RADIO
KWMR 8 PM

TODAY'S PAPER
+ HEADLINE
BY MCKAY MCFADDEN
TALIESIN GILKES-BOWER
AND Y~O~U

HAPPY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY

MARCH 30 (BELATED)
WENDY BOTWIN

APRIL 2
ED DORN
ODESSA RHINE

APRIL 3
MICHAEL WOLFE
DON BOEKELENHEIDE
DAVID AINLEY
RU AXEL BRADFORD-EBEY
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 Latinx 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
Signups for Shao Shan Farm’s summer CSA are now open!
Submitted by Ansel Klein

In light of COVID-19 closing our beloved restaurant accounts, we are calling on our community of supporters to join us in making our work possible this summer. Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a farm structure that invites the community to take part in the direct viability of the farm. CSA members purchase their share of the harvest up front, removing financial risk from our operation so we can spend our time focused on growing food. As a member you believe the work we do as farmers is valuable beyond the cost of our product and want to contribute to the overall sustainability of our local food shed.

You will receive a weekly box of 10-12 different vegetables, enough to feed 3-4 people a fresh healthy diet. Our boxes specialize in Asian vegetable varieties (bok choy, gailaan, Chinese chili peppers, scallions, etc), as well as the farmers market staples (kale, chard, lettuce, tomatoes, etc).

For more information about our CSA visit our website shaoshanfarm.grazecart.com
Best,
Scott Chang-Pleeman

Ken & Sam Levin
Window Cleaning
415.663.9669
West Marin’s Best

FREE SOURDOUGH BREAD
DELIVERED TO THOSE IN NEED
RICHARD HECKLER 707-280-0576

Bad Monk Belsary is in it’s 3rd week of delivering to people who are not food safe, the elderly, shut-ins or the infirm. We want to give shout outs to: ChouChou Lopez, Amelia Stratton, Molly McGraw, Amanda Mann and Arnie Sand for their help in getting fresh food to people in need and our twice to people on the day of bailing. Thank you for the work you are doing for our community. And, if you know of anyone in need, please let them know we’ll deliver. Much love and stay safe, Karen & Richard

What a “novel way” (mandated by the novel virus) to attend church service at St. Aidan’s Episcopal in Bolinas with Reverend Carol (top left). Church is online and the congregation is at home and video conferencing via the Zoom website. Sound is excellent with headphones – maybe even too good when singing hymns together, but the cacophony is amusing and endearingly human. Hearing aids sometimes feedback, and one webcam was pointed at the blank ceiling, which darkened to Eternity.

All in all - really fun, even inspiring. Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. Join us at 10am, bring a palm frond or leaf to your desktop, laptop or mobile device. Your religious affiliation doesn’t matter. This might be part of the New Link-up happening on our shared planet Earth. - StuArt

note: email Rev. Carol at staidansbolinas@gmail.com for login details.

LOST PARROT
Pretty Bird Perla, a blue-headed Picua, flew out of the house at Laroh and Walnut. She’s 15 and never been out. Loves peanuts. Call Carol Ann Krueger if you see her. 668-1716
YIKES!!! MIT Says Coronavirus Droplets Can Travel 27 Feet
Also, NY Governor Cuomo says 54% of NY cases are between ages 18-49

Study: Coronavirus Droplets Can Travel 27 Feet
A Massachusetts Institute of Technology researcher's findings suggest the current 6-foot social distancing rule to prevent spreading of the coronavirus might not be tough enough. Lydia Bourouiba, Ph.D., an MIT associate professor, found that when people exhale, droplets carrying the virus can travel in gaseous clouds as far as 27 feet, USA Today reported. Her research is at odds with recommendations given by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization that recommend six feet and three feet of space between people, respectively.

"There's an urgency in revising the guidelines currently being given by the WHO and the CDC on the needs for protective equipment, particular for frontline healthcare workers, Bourouiba told USA TODAY.

She published her research March 26 in the Journal of the American Medical Association, and remarked that current standards of social distancing were formulated in the 1930s and, "by modern standards, seem overly simplified."

"Implementing public health recommendations based on these older models may limit the effectiveness of the proposed interventions," the expert stated in JAMA. She said that peak exhalation speeds can reach 33 to 100 feet per second, and "currently used surgical masks and N95 masks are not tested for these potential characteristics of respiratory emissions."

Additionally, Bourouiba said that in her research, smaller droplets of the virus can exist in a gas cloud after exhalation for a longer period of time than otherwise thought — up to several minutes.


LAST CHANCE--
RAFFLE TO HELP BORDER ANGELS

The situation of the immigrants at our southern border has become especially dire—being kept in close confine- ment with the onset of Coronavirus.

Bolinas Gallery is coming to the close of our raffle to benefit Border Angels, the terrific group who have been helping the immigrants with supplies and legal represen- ration. We will do the drawing this weekend. The winner will choose a Judy Molyneux painting from among ten choices.

You can still get in on the raffle, or simply contribute, by writing a check to "Border Angels", and leaving it under our front doormat at 295 Grove--corner of Grove and Alder, or contacting us at 415/868-0782. Raffle tickets are $20, or three for $50.

Dale Polissar
Minutes from the February 27th, 2020, Bolinas Fire Protection District Board Meeting

Pres. Molesworth called the regular meeting of the Bolinas Fire Protection District to order at 7:00PM. Vice Pres. Kimball, Dir. Martinelli, and Dir. Chiera were present. Also present: Chief Krakauer, Administrative Asst. Cadance Lynam and Asst. Chief Marcotte. MSC Chiera/Martinelli (unan.) to approve the agenda.

CHIEF'S REPORT

MERA
Chief Krakauer attended the February 26th MERA meeting in Novato. MERA is still in the Customer Design Review phase. Three of the sites need final approval for coastal permits. The governing board to vote to have a third party review of the CDR documents. The board also approved a three month extension to the maintenance contract between MERA and the County. Some issues regarding the contract language are in mediation.

Prevention
No Update.

Roads
No Update.

Inspections
Chief Krakauer and Asst. Chief Marcotte have identified over twenty occupancies to conduct fire safety inspections on. Three have been completed this month and the majority remaining should be completed by June. Starting in June the 4291 Defensible Space Inspections will begin as well.

Planning
No Update.

Grants
No Update.

Training
Training has focused on structural firefighting, hose lines and SCBA's. Nick Ferrari from Stinson Beach Fire did a SCBA mask fit testing this week while Asst. Chief Marcotte was there for new EMS policies. Chief Krakauer is planning to send five firefighters to the open water training in Stinson Beach in late March provided by OES in partnership with Marin County Fire. This would be the first step in having a water response component. Chief Krakauer will be speaking with our insurance company to ensure we are covered. It is a five day class.

There will be an EMT class in the spring hosted by Stinson Beach and UCLA's online. Chief Krakauer expressed that he would like to see about using training monies and sponsoring a couple firefighters if there is interest. This would be a great opportunity and is the second class Stinson Beach has put on.

Volunteers
One new Volunteer was voted in on February 11th. Another resident has turned in an application and two others are interested and have attended their first drill.

Chief Krakauer has sent letters to two volunteers that have not met the drill attendance standards, stating that in order to become active again they must meet with the Chief and make trainings.

Cool Coastal Greens and then some!

Friday 12 - 5 PM • Roadside in Our Field

Apparatus
Chief Krakauer and Duty Officer Joe Walker did an in house service of U231, replacing the battery and an oil change.

Bruce Barcom completed installation of the cabinet lights in the equipment box on U219.

E265 completed and passed its pump test in Woodacre and we are hoping to complete E285 and E283 by the April 23rd ISO review.

E283 returned from its annual inspection at Donahue Truck in Cotati. All was good and several hundred dollars cheaper than Diego Truck.

Disaster Council
Asst. Chief Marcotte attended a West Marin Disaster Council quarterly meeting on February 27th in Stinson Beach. Topics discussed included COVID-19 (Corona Virus) as well as the upcoming Wildland season.

Resource Recovery
No Update.

Building and Ground
The station's exterior caulking and painting has been completed. Evan Kahn is planning on painting the generator shed some time in March.

The Firefighters have been working on the garden, and Dana Smith has agreed to help with some new plantings using the fire resistive plant list from the Fire Safe Marin website.

Chief Krakauer made the recommendation that we remove the native coyote brush from the front of the station as well as the vegetation under the power pole near the street. A company contracted by PG&E has notified Chief Krakauer that they are required to remove the brush and will complete the work before summer; however Chief Krakauer would like to take care of it now.

Surfers' Overlook Repair/Terrace Avenue
No Update.

Personnel
No Update.

CONSENT CALENDAR
MSC / Chiera/Martinelli (unan.) to approve the Consent Calendar with a few adjustments to the minutes.
General Operations/Administration
The audit is still in progress. Bookkeeper Kaaren Gann continues to work on the list of open items. She has had some road blocks that have delayed the progress on the audit. The Finance Committee and Chief Krakauer are working with Kaaren to get a time frame for completion of her work. After she has completed her items, Lisa Doran can schedule the second field work day.

Kaaren is working on setting up a meeting in the next two weeks with the Finance Committee to discuss CPA services with Michael O’Connor.

Chief Krakauer met with Dir. Torrey, Dir. Martinelli, Asst. Chief Marcotte and Ian Johnson to discuss the District’s IT status. Chief Krakauer provided a handout with notes from the meeting that Nan put together. Ian discussed replacing the wifi with something stronger to allow more people to use it during power outages. He mentioned that our printers and phone systems are somewhat lacking, as well as QuickBooks and reporting systems. Asst. Chief Marcotte discussed some of the benefits of having work cell phones and I-Pads that could link with the County database and provide more information while responding to calls. He also requested that if the District has the funds, it would be helpful to have a new screen to use in the community rooms and for trainings. Vice Pres. Kimball asked what the timeline looks like for installing the new wifi and also mentioned that it would be nice to have an IT person that the District can contact who is available whenever we need them. Chief Krakauer responded that he is not sure on the timeline of the wifi being installed but it should be soon. Vice Pres. Kimball commented that he would try and contact Ian about having an extra IT person as a backup.

The District’s five year Insurance Services Office (ISO) review has been scheduled for April 23rd. Chief Krakauer was given a great deal of papers to fill out prior to the field visit. The ISO conducts a review to rate fire departments based on such categories as water supply, equipment and staffing. In return this sets fire insurance rates for homeowners that live in the District. The scale is set from 1-10, 1 being the best. Currently we are a 3/3x class.

Chief Krakauer informed the Board that the Finances for Special Districts webinar series is only for members of the California Special Districts Association. The notion of joining the CSDA has been brought to a previous Board, in which they decided not to join. Some preliminary investigation that Chief Krakauer and Administrative Asst. Cadance Lynam completed, showed that it was roughly $3,000 a year for membership, plus additional costs for classes and conferences. For our small District the costs would not be worth the benefits. Chief Krakauer agreed to forward the Board more of the CSDA information.

On March 11th in Santa Cruz, the 100 Brighton Sea Wall hearing will take place. Chief Krakauer spoke with Jennifer Blackman of the BCPUD, who is a co-applicant of the hearing, and they plan to postpone the hearing till June. It would then be held in Rohrert Park. Jennifer Blackman requested Chief Krakauer attend and speak to the emergency access the wall provides.

Respectfully submitted,

Cadance Lynam
Administrative Assistant

GENERAL BUSINESS
Discussion – Wildfire Preparedness and Response
Chief Krakauer was contacted by Chief Weber regarding the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority. There is a small group of Fire Chief’s and City managers that are pre-planning so if Measure C passes the ball is rolling. The Bolinas Fire Department will need to elect one Board member to sit on the Board of Directors by April 14th. Chief Krakauer will be the Operations member since we do not have a city manager. The District must also come up with three shovel ready projects to deliver to the Operations Committee. Chief Krakauer recommended vegetation management projects along the roadways would be one of them.

The meeting with Community Resilience for Communication and Evacuation Group will take place on April 9th. Chief Krakauer asked the Board to invite two guests they feel play an important role in the community.

Chief Krakauer updated the Board on the NOAA weather radios that were recently released. The District has purchased two Midland WR120B radios that Asst. Chief Marcotte has programmed. Chief Krakauer said he would like to notify the community of this tool via our website, Nextdoor, the Hearsay and Bolinas Fire mailers with programming steps.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION
None.

BOARD MEMBER REPORT
None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
Updates from Finance and Budget, Personnel, Building and Grounds and Operational Working Group.

Finance Committee – No Update.

Personnel Committee – The Personnel Committee met on February 13th to discuss Backgrounds for all firefighters and the application process for volunteers. A policy was drafted that would require a background check on all Firefighters of the District from the time of the Policy going forward. Chief Krakauer is still waiting to receive our background packet from the DOJ. Until the packet is received the Policy will not be voted on.

Buildings and Grounds – No Update.

Operations Working Group – No Update.

PERSONNEL MATTERS
The Board went into a closed session. No action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE: CLOSED SESSION
None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER
Pres. Molesworth expressed her appreciation for Vice Pres. Kimball’s work the last several years as Board president. Vice Pres. Kimball expressed appreciation for Chief Krakauer taking on the Chief position and fulfilling it so well.

ADJOURNMENT
MSC –Chiera/Martinelli (unan.) to adjourn at 8:45 PM.
F R E E

FREE FIREWOD
246-4651

MM 3/11

FIREWOOD:
Dried and cut stove size
Corner of Alder and Hawthorne
Just South of intersection

DP 1/24

More fresh cut pine rounds. Come get them.
390 Cedar
Call first: 415-497-6975
Bob Densmore

LOST & FOUND

DID ANYONE FIND MY LITTLE PILLOW THAT
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. Vickisa 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

J M 2/3

LOST PARROT
Pretty Bird Perla, a blue-headed Pionus, flew out of the house at
Larch and Walnut Weds 3/11 AM. She’s 1.5 and never been out.
Loves peanuts. Call Carol Ann Krueger if you see her. 868-1716

MM 3/11

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April Fools Day
is cancelled this year
as no made up prank could match
the unbelievable shit happening
in the real world right now.
HELP WANTED

CLEANING SERVICES NEEDED
Education center at Point Reyes National Seashore needs cleaner on occasional/on call basis. Kitchen, lodge floors, bath house. Please call Sam at (415) 663-1200 x 315.

BRUSH TO MEADOW TRANSFORMATION
Heavy-duty tractor. Mowing / backhoe / roto-tiller / disking / plowing / post-hole drilling. Don Murch -921

FIREWOOD • HYDRAULIC LOG-SPLITTING • HAULING

POSITION AVAILABLE: FULL-TIME SHIFT OPERATOR
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THE BCLT IS HIRING!
Part-time property manager/maintenance employee
For more information email info@bolinaslandtrust.org

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