



# Tiburon Peninsula Village

Empowering older adults to remain active, connected,  
and independent in the place they call home

## December 2021 Newsletter

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Cherie Sorokin, editor

### 'Tis the season for celebrations

Onward to the close of 2021, passing multiple holidays on the way. How many can you name? Here's a partial list: we're in the midst of Hannukah; next (depending on where you live and what religion you practice) is St Lucia Day (yikes, candles on your head!); five days for Pancha Ganapati for Hindus; overlapping multiple Winter Solstice holidays around the world; Christmas, Boxing Day and Kwanza; and finally New Year's Eve. Undoubtedly there are more.

December holidays date back as far as 3000 BCE! The longest night of the year is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month, seemingly an impetus to celebrate coming longer days and more daylight through both cultural and religious traditions. Of course, not all celebrations in December are religious, or even what one might call "cultural." Here in the U.S. every day in December is a "national" day for something that Congress (or somebody) agreed to designate as such, e.g., National Pie Day, National Fritter Day, National Bartender Day, National Sock Day, National Repeal Day, on and on until National Champagne Day on December 31. Here's a link to the complete list if your curiosity is leading you wonder what, and how many, things we might be celebrating each day of December. <https://nationaldaycalendar.com/december/>

### 'Tis also the season for donating to your favorite charity

We hope Marin Villages is on your year-end giving list! Our annual year-end solicitation letter is in the mail. Thanks in advance for helping to support us in our efforts to help Marin's older adults remain active, connected and independent in the place they call home.

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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS!

**Members:** Judith Inslicht and Anne and Herb Briggan joined TPV as new members.

**Volunteers:** Lynn Olson and Kathleen Stanley joined as new volunteers.

Thank you for giving your time and energy to our village. We look forward to seeing you all at an event soon!

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## TIBURON PENINSULA VILLAGE EVENTS

If you need a ride to any of the events below, please call the office. (415) 457-4633

### Food & Drink

#### **Tiburon Morning Coffee at Rustic Bakery**

Thursday, December 9, 10:30am

(Always the second Thursday of the month)



- Dutch treat
- Open to all
- Join us at the tables in back outside unless the weather makes inside more inviting. Look for Cherie and the Marin Villages tent card on one of the tables.
- Masks are ok, but not required if you are fully vaccinated and we're outside
- Masks may, or may not, be required to enter and order coffee, or to sit inside, etc., but nonetheless advisable
- If you need a ride, please RSVP by calling the office! Otherwise no RSVP needed.

#### **Holiday Bruch at the Home of Cherie Sorokin**

Saturday, December 18, 11:00am – 1:00pm

120 Geldert Dr., Tiburon



Come celebrate whatever holiday or national day you wish at the home of Cherie Sorokin. Cherie's grandson, who is working as a jazz pianist in Berlin, Germany, will be home for the holidays and has offered to play for us! So there will be live music as well as brunch and perhaps even a bit of champagne.

- Space is limited to 20 so please RSVP to the office soon (415) 457-4633
  - Vaccinated members/volunteers only, please
  - And yes, please bring a mask to wear when we aren't eating or drinking
  - Because of COVID constraints on size of gatherings, this event is limited to TPV members and volunteers and those MVV members living in Strawberry
  - There is no charge for this event
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## OTHER MARIN VILLAGES EVENTS

### **Not Home Alone—Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day!**

December 24, 25, 31, and January 1, 2:00pm, locations to be announced

Keep your eyes on *The Village Square* for details, but Donnalee Wells will be holding the popular Not Home Alone events on both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, as well as New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Contact Donnalee at [donnaleewells@comcast.net](mailto:donnaleewells@comcast.net) or text or call her at (415) 302-9244 with questions.

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## TIBURON PENINSULA COMMUNITY EVENTS

### **Tiburon Giving Tree at the Police Station**

The Giving Tree went up in the Police Department lobby on November 29. If you would like to be a Secret Santa to a child in our community, please go by and choose an ornament off the tree that contains a child's holiday gift wish.

### **Tiburon Giving Tree at Woodlands Market**

On December 11, Woodlands Market will host the Giving Tree for an afternoon. Please come visit members of the Tiburon Police Department as they celebrate the holidays, read holiday books, sing songs, and serve cookies and cider. The Giving Tree will be there for anyone interested in becoming a Secret Santa.

### **Menorah Lighting at the Plaza**

November 28 – December 6, 5:30pm

Plaza in downtown Tiburon

Come light the menorah!

### **Tiburon Peninsula Holiday Festival**

December 11, 2:00 – 5:00pm

Join friends and neighbors and experience the ultimate holiday celebration as Tiburon is magically transformed into a wonderland full of cheer and classic family fun. Sponsored by the Tiburon Chamber of Commerce.

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## OTHER COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Global Book Exchange Big Holiday Children's Book Sale

Saturday, December 4, 1:00 – 4:00pm

852 Del Ganado Road, San Rafael. (It's a bit of a drive to get there, but easy parking once you arrive!)

This is a wonderful first-time-ever SALE that is a great way for grandparents and parents to get very low-cost books or beautiful book gift baskets for the little ones in their lives. All proceeds will help the Global Book Exchange, a nonprofit run by Tiburon resident Marilyn Nemzer, get more books to donate to disadvantaged children in Marin. If you don't know about the book exchange, you can read more about it here: <https://www.bookexchangemarin.org/>

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## TIBURON PENINSULA VILLAGE NEWS



We had a great time at Salt and Pepper for our pre-Thanksgiving lunch. Pictured above left are **Matt Masson** and **Peter Davis**, two of the 11 TPV members and volunteers who attended. It was also Matt's birthday, so we celebrated him with a crown and a cake. Julie Hannon Friedman made the elegant crown you see on Matt's head. And did you see the article about Peter in The Ark in mid-November? Front page, no less!

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## AND MORE...



Unfortunately, 'tis also the season for thieves and scammers! Be particularly careful at this time of year when responding to emails or phone calls from people you don't know or who are masquerading as someone you know. Check email addresses carefully, and don't respond to messages that seem a bit odd. When purchasing online, be sure to purchase from well-known merchants and avoid the "too good to be true" offers. They usually are. And change those passwords every now and then!

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## REMEMBER TO LAUGH A LITTLE

Even in the midst of the continuing pandemic and multiple variants, there is humor....



**So.....you've been eating  
hotdogs and McChickens all  
your life, but don't want the  
vaccine, because, " you don't  
know what's in it"?**

**Dear santa,  
This year all I ask is a  
Big Fat Bank Account  
and a Slim Body.  
PLEASE, don't mix up  
the two like you  
did last year.**



THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR *Bennett*

**AND SO ENDS  
ANOTHER WEEK  
WITHOUT ME  
BECOMING  
UNEXPECTEDLY  
RICH.**

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## HELP US HELP OTHERS

If you know someone who could use our services, is interested in volunteering, or would like to donate to an organization serving older adults in Marin, please have them call the office at (415) 457-4633, or visit our website ([www.marinvillages.org](http://www.marinvillages.org)) for application forms and online donations.

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