



***Town of Discovery Bay  
A California Community Services District  
"Friday Letter"  
To the Board of Directors  
MAY 23, 2014***

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

**General Manager/Administration:**

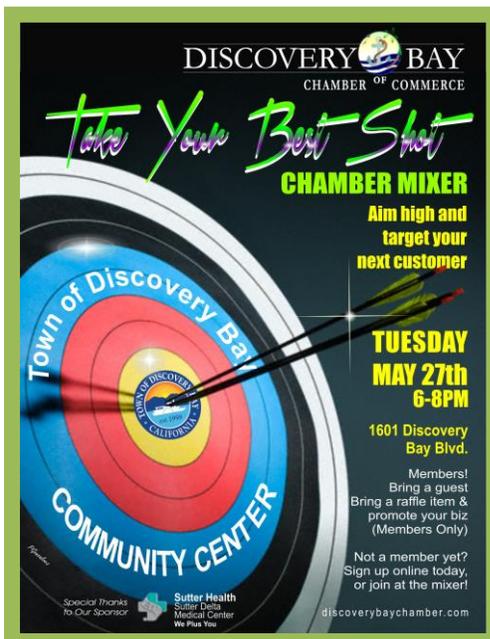
- ✓ Happy Memorial Day Weekend! We honor those who served and gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to our Country. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten.
- ✓ In recognition and in honor of Memorial Day, all District offices will be closed.
- ✓ As is our tradition, the Landscape Staff placed American Flags at the entrance to Town today for the weekend. The flags represent those who gave, and as noted above, we do not forget their sacrifice.



- ✓ The Blue Star Memorial Garden has had a number of plants that did not make it through last December's early season freeze. The landscape staff replanted the garden this week and it looks great – just in time for the weekend!



- ✓ The Town will be hosting the May Chamber of Commerce Mixer at the Community Center next Tuesday, May 27, at 6:00 p.m. We will demonstrate our Archery program (you can even take a shot) and enjoy a tray of Tuesday Tacos from our new Mexican eatery in town, *La Taqueria Limon'*.



- ✓ As I noted a couple of weeks back, the Town of Discovery Bay has recently been recognized by the Special District Leadership Foundation for Excellence in Transparency, and more importantly, as a California District of Distinction. CSDA representatives will be in attendance at the June 4, 2014 Board meeting to officially bestow this honor on the Town. I'd like to thank the Board for their support in this effort, because without the Governance Training Workshop in November none of this would have been possible. As you know, we are one of only 20 recipients to receive this recognition statewide. I'd also like to acknowledge Sue for all her hard work in preparing the submittal packets and making sure that we not only met the minimum requirements, but that we far exceeded them!



- ✓ The auditors completed their field work associated with the FY 2012-13 Audit. The preliminary audit is scheduled to be presented to the Board on June 4<sup>th</sup>, with the final on June 18<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ The Budget Sub-Committee has met on two separate occasions, and will again be meeting one more time prior to the Budget being transmitted to the Board on June 4.
- ✓ Earlier this week I attended grant training in Sacramento for Proposition 84 Drought Relief Grant funding. The reclaimed water project that we will be submitting for appears to have some traction with the local team. We'll know more next week as to the probability of success. Stay tuned!
- ✓ On Tuesday, I attended CSDA's Legislative Day's update in Sacramento. The big topic is the Legislature's efforts to eliminate all contract services for public agencies. This will require Board action in the future as we will have to join forces with just about every local governmental agency to fight this legislation. It could have disastrous consequences for small contract agencies such as the TODB.
- ✓ On Saturday May 17, Estevan Rocha celebrated his 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary with the Town of Discovery Bay. Congratulations Estevan!

### **Parks, Landscape and Recreation Services**

- ✓ As the Board is aware, we have been having some issues with our landscape provider. Fairin has worked hard to make sure that the deficiencies have been corrected. I'm sure that as you drive around town you will see a marked improvement over the past couple of months.

- ✓ The Community Center swimming pool opens this weekend! Stop on by and take a refreshing dip in the pool.
- ✓ Residents continue to book summer classes. Recreation sign-ups are on the rise and a number of the more popular classes are already filling up. The guides and newsletter are also posted to town's website at [www.todb.ca.gov](http://www.todb.ca.gov) and click on the activity guide picture at the bottom of the page.

### **Water and Wastewater Services**

- ✓ The Town's new NPDES Permit is up for Water Board (RWQCB) approval on June 6. The agenda is long and it will likely be a rather long day. The meeting is scheduled to take place in Sacramento and it begins at 9:00 a.m. We will be attending that meeting seeking approval of the new permit.
- ✓ The skip loader that the Board authorized to purchase at auction last week arrives in town this Sunday morning. The authorized amount was \$55,000, and it went for a little more than that, at slightly under \$56,000. I authorized the additional cost as Virgil was making his bids. At \$56,000, it is still a great deal and will complement our maintenance fleet.
- ✓ Just a reminder, Contra Costa Public Works will begin the asphalt rubber chip seal project in June. The 45 day, \$1.75 million project consists of road rehabilitation west of Discovery Bay Blvd, and south of Sand Point, including Clipper Road, Newport Drive, and the areas around Regatta, Slifer, and Ravenswood Parks.

### **Important Dates**

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- Chamber Mixer - May 27 at 6:00 p.m. - Community Center
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – June 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- Budget Workshop – June 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – June 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.