

ARK ADVERTISING

The Ark provides advertisers direct access to one of the most desirable ZIP codes in the Bay Area: 94920. Overlooking San Francisco and the bay, the residents of the Tiburon Peninsula enjoy high income levels, high educational achievement and high home values.



- The Ark attracts advertisers from every community and city listed on the map.
- Subscription and paid newspaper.
- Published every Wednesday.
- Mailed to subscribers' homes.
- Subscriber access to digital replica edition and archives.

OUR MARKET

BELVEDERE AND TIBURON (94920)

Wealthy and well-educated:

- Median single-family home price in Belvedere is \$7.55 million and Tiburon is \$3.55 million, compared with \$1.7 million for all Marin.¹
- Median family income is \$250,000+, with a mean of \$459,614 in Belvedere and \$353,438 in Tiburon.²
- 72% of the civilian employed population is a professional or in management.²
- 80% of the population 25 and older has a bachelor's degree or higher.²

Bedroom community for San Francisco:²

- 78% are age 18 or older; median is 50.
- 29% of households have kids under 18.
- 73% of homes are owner-occupied, and 70% of housing is detached single-family.
- 30% have three or more vehicles.
- 60% of the labor force commutes.
- 80% of those commuters drive to work.
- 54% travel over 30 minutes to work.
- Direct downtown Tiburon ferries to the San Francisco Financial District.

MARIN COUNTY³

- Per capita income of \$180,575 ranked first in state, **more than double California's average.**
- Professional and technical services income: \$2.83 billion.
17.2% of private earnings.
- Health-care income: \$2.03 billion.
2.3% of private earnings.
- Government-employment income: \$1.98 billion.
12% of private earnings.
- Real-estate income: \$1.23 billion.
7.4% of private earnings.
- Entertainment income: \$1.14 billion.
6.9% of private earnings.
- Finance and insurance income: \$1.13 billion.
6.9% of private earnings.
- Retail income: \$1.18 billion.
7.1% of private earnings.
- Construction income: \$1.13 billion.
6.8% of private earnings.

¹Marin County Assessor-Recorder, Jan. 1–Oct. 31, 2025.

²US Census 2023 American Community Survey, data.census.gov, most recent data.

³US Bureau of Economic Analysis for 2023, bea.gov, most recent data.

ARK CIRCULATION

The Ark, a paid subscription newspaper, is delivered directly into the affluent homes of Bay Area business and civic leaders in Southern Marin, primarily Belvedere and Tiburon. This core community is one of the wealthiest in the nation, in which The Ark enjoys a market penetration of 61%⁶. Your advertising message is in the hands of more than 6,000⁴ readers who are dedicated to the paper and its advertisers.



Circulation as of Dec. 31, 2025:	PAID SALES ⁷	PAID READERSHIP ⁸	94920 MARKET PENETRATION ⁹
Tiburon Peninsula	2,206	5,474	61%
Total Ark Circulation	2,448	6,071	

¹Pew Research Center Newspapers Fact Sheet, Nov. 10, 2023, pewresearch.org/journalism/fact-sheet/newspapers.

²Kantar Group & Affiliates, 2024, kantargroup.com/north-america/company-news/kantar-us-media-reactions-2024.

³2022 National Newspaper Association Community Readership Survey conducted nationally by Susquehanna Polling and Research, nna.org (membership required).

⁴2022 Coda Ventures survey.

⁵2013 Community Newspaper Readership Study conducted nationally by the Reynolds Journalism Institute, rjonline.org.

⁶2023 National Opinion Research Center survey.

⁷Subscriptions plus newsstand sales.

⁸Paid sales multiplied by pass-along rate of 2.48, per Reynolds Journalism Institute 2013, rjonline.org.

⁹Paid readership in 94920 divided by adults 18 and older (8,994) per US Census 2022 ACS data, data.census.gov.

- ✓ The Ark is one of only two paid weekly newspapers in Marin County.
- ✓ Independent and locally owned.
- ✓ Growing print circulation versus national 13% decline weekdays and 16% decline Sundays in 2022.¹
- ✓ Readers generally hold onto The Ark for a full week, until the next issue.
- ✓ Readers tend to read The Ark cover to cover, including ads.
- ✓ The Ark's readers support our advertisers.

OUR READERS

As paid subscribers, The Ark's readers are loyal to the paper and its print advertisers. Since 1973, more than three generations read The Ark.

- Community papers are the #1 most-trusted^{2,3} and #1 most-relevant/useful³ source of news, beating out national network TV, cable TV, radio, metropolitan papers, direct mailings then social media.
- Community papers are the #1 most-trusted source for local purchasing decisions,^{2,3} beating out social media, direct mailing, in-store promotions, local TV ads, radio ads, cable TV ads then metro papers.
- 75% of Boomer readers believe newspaper advertising is important⁵ and 81% of all readers say their local newspaper provides valuable local shopping and advertising information.³
- 8 of 10 say they would rather look through ads in newspapers than view ads on the internet.⁵
- 7 of 10 agree they often use newspaper advertising inserts to help make purchasing decisions.⁵
- Two-thirds agree they often seek out newspaper advertising to find information on the latest offerings and sales available in their area.⁵
- Half say there are days when they read the newspaper as much for the ads as for the content.⁵
- Broad audience: 44% of teens 13-17 engage with local papers at least once a month, 23% at least weekly.⁶ Millennials make up 30% of readers, Gen Xers 50%⁴; Gen Z ranks newspapers as their #3 news source.²



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2026 ADVERTISING CALENDAR

JANUARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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SEPTEMBER

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9/30: Home 2
Deadline: 9/16

APRIL

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4/22: Home 1
Deadline: 4/8

OCTOBER

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11/25: Holiday Guide
Deadline: 11/18

JUNE

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DECEMBER

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12/30: Year in Review
Deadline: 12/14

DISPLAY ADVERTISING RATES

The Ark uses a **6-column design format** and is **14 inches tall**.

Ad sizes are **described** as width in columns by height in inches. A 6x7 ad is a half-page ad: 6 columns wide by 7" tall.

Designers should use the provided design specs, which account for spacing, where required, between copy and/or other ads. A 6x7 ad is 10.25" wide by 6.875" tall.



2x5 (Page 5 Only) (2 col x 5 = 3.3" x 4.875") 1 Ad: \$148 4 Ads: \$135 12 Ads: \$126 18 Ads: \$121 26 Ads: \$115 52 Ads: \$112 COLOR: + \$60	3x3 (3 col x 3 = 5.05" x 2.875") 1 Ad: \$133 4 Ads: \$121 12 Ads: \$113 18 Ads: \$109 26 Ads: \$103 52 Ads: \$100 COLOR: + \$60	3x4 (3 col x 4 = 5.05" x 3.875") 1 Ad: \$177 4 Ads: \$162 12 Ads: \$151 18 Ads: \$145 26 Ads: \$138 52 Ads: \$134 COLOR: + \$60
3x5 (3 col x 5 = 5.05" x 4.875") 1 Ad: \$222 4 Ads: \$203 12 Ads: \$189 18 Ads: \$182 26 Ads: \$173 52 Ads: \$169 COLOR: + \$60	3x7 (Quarter Page) (3 col x 7 = 5.05" x 6.875") 1 Ad: \$284 4 Ads: \$273 12 Ads: \$248 18 Ads: \$242 26 Ads: \$232 52 Ads: \$218 COLOR: + \$120	3x14 (Half Page Vertical) (3 col x 14 = 5.05" x 13.775") 1 Ad: \$564 4 Ads: \$520 12 Ads: \$480 18 Ads: \$463 26 Ads: \$436 52 Ads: \$418 COLOR: + \$185
6x7 (Half Page Horizontal) (6 col x 7 = 10.25" x 6.875") 1 Ad: \$564 4 Ads: \$520 12 Ads: \$480 18 Ads: \$463 26 Ads: \$436 52 Ads: \$418 COLOR: + \$185	6x14 (Full Page) (6 col x 13 = 10.25" x 14") 1 Ad: \$1,075 4 Ads: \$996 12 Ads: \$908 18 Ads: \$882 26 Ads: \$837 52 Ads: \$802 COLOR: + \$245	Front-Page Banner (3 col x 1.55 = 5.05" x 1.55") Inquire for pricing Center Spread (12 col x 14 = 21.5" x 14") Inquire for pricing

DIGITAL ADVERTISING

We offer single-advertiser buyouts of our digital replica e-edition and of our website. We also offer newsletter banner and footer ads.

Mobile strip

320px by 50px — Inquire for pricing

Desktop strip

728px by 90px — Inquire for pricing

DEADLINES

Wednesday, 5 p.m., for the following week. **Thursday, Noon:** Finished files or ads that need no preparation before publication.

PLACEMENT

Placement of advertising is the prerogative of **The Ark**. Special placement is available for a 20 percent surcharge.

INSERTS

\$850 per issue. 7" x 11" maximum size (may be folded). Contact the advertising department at 415-435-1190 or ads@thearknewspaper.com, for details.

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3x14 <i>Half Page Vertical</i> Designers: 3 col x 14 = 5.05" x 13.775"		6x14 <i>Full Page</i> Designers: 6 col x 14 = 10.25" x 14"	
6x7 <i>Half Page Horizontal</i> Designers: 6 col x 7 = 10.25" x 6.875"			
3x7 <i>Quarter Page</i> Designers: 3 col x 7 = 5.05" x 6.875"		3x3 Designers: 3 col x 3 = 5.05" x 2.875"	
2x5 <i>Page 5 Only</i> Designers: 2 col x 5 = 3.3" x 4.875"	3x5 Designers: 3 col x 5 = 5.05" x 4.875"	3x4 Designers: 3 col x 4 = 5.05" x 3.875"	



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Digital replica: The single-advertiser buyout requires a vertical banner, desktop strip and mobile strip.

Website: The single-advertiser buyout requires a desktop strip and mobile strip.

Newsletter: Two positions are offered, one header mobile strip and one footer mobile strip, which flex up for tablet and desktop sizing.

Vertical banner: 160px by 600px.

Desktop strip: 728px by 90px.

Mobile strip: 320px by 50px; submit as 1920px by 300px to flex for tablet and desktop displays.

Desktop strip

Designers: 728px by 90px (actual size)

Available only in single-advertiser digital-replica e-edition buyout package and website buyout package.

Vertical Banner

Designers: 160px by 600px (actual size)

Available only in single-advertiser digital-replica e-edition buyout package.

Mobile strip

Designers: Displays as 320px by 50px (actual size).

Submit as 1920px by 300px to flex for tablet and desktop displays.

Two positions available for newsletter, and required for digital-replica e-edition buyout package and website buyout package.



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AD SUBMISSION GUIDELINES & SPECIFICATIONS

Digital files

We prefer PDFs, which must be prepared and exported in the PDF/X-1a format for CMYK printing with all fonts embedded. File resolution should be 300 dpi. Please be sure your ad is sized correctly; ad integrity will be lost when an ad is resized. Unlock all elements of the PDF. Note: Small type will lose crispness when printed on newsprint, and newsprint colors may vary from original seen on computer screen.

If a PDF is not available, the following is a list of file formats we will accept:

InDesign: Preferred format.

Illustrator EPS: All fonts should be outlined and all images should be embedded. Images should be at least 300 dpi.

Photoshop: TIF, JPG or EPS files converted to CMYK format. File should be one layer and 300 dpi. Please be sure ad is sized correctly. Do not resample low-resolution images.

*** Attention PC Users:** We do not accept any files other than those stated above.

Email

Email attachments should be no larger than 25MB. Send ad files to ads@thearknewspaper.com. Please identify the advertiser's name in the subject of the email and notify us by phone when sent at 415-435-1190.

For ad files larger than 25MB, we also accept links from cloud-hosting services such as Dropbox. For those without a cloud host, you may consider free file-sharing services such as WeTransfer.com.

Terms & Conditions

Established Ark advertisers are billed monthly. Accounts are due and payable within 30 days; if an advertiser is late in submitting payment, payments for all future ad placements are due by the issue date their ad runs. Late fees will be added to all overdue accounts. Prepayment is required for first-time advertisers, one-time advertisers, political ads, going-out-of-business ads and ads for which credit has not yet been established. All major credit cards are accepted.

The Ark retains the right to reject any ad or insert, or to require its revision before publication.

Publisher's liability for errors in advertising will not exceed the cost of that portion of space occupied by each error, nor will the liability for errors on multiple insertions exceed the cost of the first ad. Claims for adjustment must be made within seven days of publication. Errors that do not materially affect the value of the ad will not be considered for make-good. The Ark is neither responsible for errors in original copy nor for misrepresentation of products or services by the advertiser. The Ark is not responsible for reproduction material left more than 30 days.

Cancellations

- **Regular weekly edition:** 100% of ad cost will be charged if a client cancels later than noon on the Wednesday 7 days prior to the print date.
- **Special sections:** 100% of ad cost will be charged if a client cancels later than noon on the Wednesday 14 days prior to the print date.