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1/5/2007 Belmont Commission Openings

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

January 5, 2007

**CONTACT:** Terri Cook – (650) 595-7413

**Belmont Seeks Residents for Commission Openings**

***Belmont, CA*** -- **The City of Belmont is currently recruiting residents interested in serving on various City Commissions. The deadline to apply is 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, January 31, 2007, and the application is available on the City's website: [www.belmont.gov](http://www.belmont.gov) under "City Council and Commissions," by calling (650) 595-7413, or in person at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, One Twin Pines Lane, Suite 375.**

**There are two openings on the Planning Commission for three-year terms expiring March 1, 2010. The Planning Commission meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. The Commission reviews and takes action on planning applications, and makes recommendations to the City Council on zoning and land use issues.**

There are four openings for adult seats on the **Parks and Recreation Commission** for two-year terms expiring on March 1, 2009. The Parks and Recreation Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. and makes recommendations to the City Council on matters pertaining to Belmont's Park and Recreation programs, as well as on capital improvements to the City's various parks and open space areas.

There are two openings for **Youth seats on the Parks and Recreation Commission**. The City Council will consider applications from Belmont residents who are between the ages of 13 and 17 years old. Parent/Guardian consent is mandatory. These seats are for one-year terms, which expire March 1, 2008. Youth members are full voting members of the Commission.

There are two openings on the **Finance Commission**. The Finance Commission meets bimonthly on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and participates in the budget review process, conducts an annual review of the City's investment policy, and, at the request of the City Council, evaluates proposals, programs and contracts for long and short term financial consequences. Finance Commissioners serve for three-year terms.

To apply for any of these positions and to have an opportunity to make a contribution to your community, fill out the application form available on the website or from the City Clerk's Office (One Twin Pines Lane, Suite 375), and return it to the City Clerk no later than 5:00 PM on Wednesday, January 31, 2007. Applicants must live in Belmont. It should be noted that incumbent members of all these commissions are eligible to apply for reappointment. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 650-595-7413.

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1/5/2007 3rd Annual Indoor Flea Market In Belmont

## NEWS

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 4, 2007

CONTACT: Mary Doherty – 595-7439

### **3rd Annual Indoor Flea Market in Belmont**

*Belmont, CA* - Unique shopping alert! The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Winter Indoor Flea Market at Twin Pines Senior and Community Center in Belmont is almost here. This event, hosted by Belmont Parks & Recreation Department, will be held from 9:00 am – 2:30pm on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> with free admission. Buyers mark your calendars for this not-to-be-missed event! It's like going to 40+ garage sales under one roof; and you never know what you'll find, from great buys on children's clothes, toys and furniture, to crafts, art and interesting household goods. "It's always a great opportunity to find a treasure" says regular Flea Market attendant, Karen Leonoudakis.

Of course you also get to benefit our environment, as we recycle one man's trash into another man's treasure; here's where regifting becomes an art! So, you get to feel good about any purchases you make. Come on down to beautiful Twin Pines Park on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Shop some, and then enjoy our lovely urban park.

Feel free to call us at 595-7441 with any questions. See you there!

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1/22/2007      Deadline Approaching for Belmont Commission Openings

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

January 22, 2007

**CONTACT:**      Terri Cook – (650) 595-7413

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1/31/2007      Witnesses Sought in Sexual Assault

Type of Incident: **Witnesses Sought in Sexual Assault**

Case #: 0701-1132

Location: Notre Dame de Namur University

Date: 1/20/07

## **EVENT**

Belmont Police are attempting to identify two male subjects, who are possible witnesses in the investigation of a sexual assault, which occurred at Notre Dame de Namur University, in the early morning hours of Saturday, January 20, 2007. The two subjects were seen together and it is important to stress that these subjects are being sought as witnesses, not suspects.

Anyone with information, which could lead to the identification and or location of these subjects, is asked to call Belmont Police 650-595-7400 or the Belmont Police Crime Tip Line 650-598-3000.

\*\*\* NOTE: A flyer with [artist's composite sketches](#) of the subjects accompanies this press release. This press release and the flyer are also available on the web at [www.belmont.gov](http://www.belmont.gov)

# Witnesses Sought in Sexual Assault

Date: 1/31/2007

Case #: 0701-1132

Author ID: D9



Age: 18-25 yrs  
Gender: Male  
Height: 5-8  
Weight: Athletic but not stocky  
Hair: Thick dark short hair  
Complexion: Light with a tan  
Race: White  
Date of last contact: 1/20/07

Age: 18-25 yrs  
Gender: Male  
Height: 5-10 to 5-11  
Weight: Slender Build  
Hair: Dark spiky hair  
Complexion: Light with noticeable acne  
Race: Asian  
Date of last contact: 1/20/07

Belmont Police are attempting to identify the two subjects shown above. They are possible witnesses in the investigation of a sexual assault, which occurred at Notre Dame de Namur University, in the early morning hours of Saturday, January 20, 2007. The two subjects were seen together and it is important to stress that these subjects are being sought as witnesses, not suspects.

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**Belmont Police Department**  
**(650) 595-7400**

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1/31/2007 Sexual Assault at NDNU

Type of Incident: **Sexual Assault**

Case #: 0701-1132

Location: Notre Dame de Namur University

Date: 1/20/07

### **EVENT**

Belmont Police Detectives are investigating an alleged sexual assault that was reported by a female student at Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont. The event occurred on the campus in the early morning hours of Saturday 1/20/07. The victim is cooperating with police investigators. Nothing is known about the suspect at this time. Alcohol was a factor in this case.

Anyone with information relevant to this investigation is encouraged to contact the Belmont Police Department Investigations Unit at 650-595-7400.

# NEWS

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 1, 2007

**CONTACT:** Terri Cook – (650) 595-7413

### **Commission Application Deadline Extended**

Belmont, CA -- The City of Belmont is extending the application deadline for two of its commissions (Planning and Finance) in order to gather a sufficient pool of candidates for the City Council to consider. The deadline is extended to Friday, February 9, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. The application form is available on the City's website: [www.belmont.gov](http://www.belmont.gov) under "City Council and Commissions," by calling (650) 595-7413, or in person at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, One Twin Pines Lane, Suite 375.

There are two seats set to expire on the Planning Commission for three-year terms expiring March 1, 2010. The Planning Commission meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. The Commission reviews and takes action on planning applications, and makes recommendations to the City Council on zoning and land use issues.

There are three seats set to expire on the Finance Commission. The Finance Commission meets bi-monthly on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and participates in the budget review process, conducts an annual review of the City's investment policy and, at the request of the City Council, evaluates proposals, programs and contracts for long and short term financial consequences. Finance Commissioners serve for three-year terms.

A number of applications were received by the initial deadline of January 31st for the Parks and Recreation Commission (both Adult and Youth seats), so no additional applications will be considered at this time.

To apply for either of these commissions and to have an opportunity to make a contribution to your community, fill out the application form available on the website or from the City Clerk's Office (One Twin Pines Lane, Suite 375), and return it to the City Clerk no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, February 9, 2007. Applicants must live in Belmont.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 650-595-7413.

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2/24/2007 Bank Robbery - Bank of America

## **BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE**

Pursuant to California Government Code § 6254(f)

### **\*\*\*\*UPDATED PRESS RELEASE – DISREGARD PREVIOUS RELEASE\*\*\*\***

Type of Incident: **Bank Robbery** Case #: **0702-1426**  
Location: Bank of America – Carlmont Shopping Center Date: 2/24/07 Time: 9:30  
am

#### **EVENT**

On Saturday February 24, 2007 at approximately 9:30 am, Belmont Police responded to a report of a robbery which had just occurred at the Bank of America in Carlmont Shopping Center. The investigation is currently on-going; however, the following information is available at this time:

Three armed men entered the bank, brandished handguns in a takeover fashion, vaulted the counter and took an undetermined amount of money. The suspect's identities were partially covered by glasses and facial coverings. They fled in a white mini-van which they dumped in a residential neighborhood nearby. From there they got into a dark colored, newer model, Japanese 4 door sedan and fled. That Japanese sedan was last seen S/B on Chevy St, towards Ralston Ave. There were no injuries.

This case is being investigated by the Belmont Police Department Investigations Bureau, working in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Anyone with information on this case is asked to call:

- Belmont Police (650) 595-7400 or
- The Belmont Police Crime Tip Line (650) 598-3000 or
- The San Francisco Field Office of the FBI (415) 553-7400.

More information will be provided as it becomes available.

By: Lt. Dan DeSmidt  
Date: 2/24/07 Time: 1620hrs

Authorized By: Chief Don Mattei  
Date: 2/24/07 Time: 1620hrs

# NEWS

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 5, 2007

**CONTACT:** Terri Cook – (650) 595-7413

### **Belmont Seeks Public Input on Draft Ordinance**

Belmont, CA -- On March 13, 2007, the Belmont City Council will receive a staff report and take public input about a draft ordinance regulating secondhand smoke. No final decision will be made at this meeting, as there will be several additional meetings to consider the public comments, staff input, and Council direction. The staff report will be posted to the Belmont website ([www.belmont.gov](http://www.belmont.gov)) by noon on Friday, March 9. We encourage people to download it from the website, as only a limited number of staff reports will be available at the meeting.

All correspondence previously received on this matter will be part of the public record.

There are several ways for the public to participate in this ongoing discussion.

Anyone may send an email to [citycouncil@belmont.gov](mailto:citycouncil@belmont.gov), or a letter to the Belmont City Council c/o: Terri Cook, City Clerk, One Twin Pines Lane, Suite 375, Belmont, CA 94002. The letter will then be reviewed by staff and the Council, and become part of the public record.

Or, the public may attend the meeting and speak about the item. The meeting starts at 7:30. This item has the potential to draw a large crowd, and the Council requests that citizens who wish to speak arrive by 7:00 so they may fill out a speaker card provided by the City Clerk. Alternatively, citizens may fill out a comment card at the meeting if they do not wish to speak.

If seats in the Council Chambers become full, the adjacent Conference Room 210, next door to the Council Chambers, will be made available for overflow of attendees to view the Council Meeting via a monitor.

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3/16/2007 Annual State of the City Event Set for April 18

# NEWS

## Immediate Release

March 16, 2007

**CONTACT:** Jack Crist – (650) 595-7408

## Annual State of the City Event Set for April 18

### ***Belmont, CA --***

Mayor Coralin Feierbach will present her State of the City Address on Wednesday, April 18 in the Council Chambers of Belmont City Hall, beginning at 11:00 a.m. A luncheon will be provided after the Address, and is sponsored by the Belmont Chamber of Commerce and the City. The cost for the Address and Luncheon is \$39 per person; a table of 8 can be reserved for \$300. The community is invited. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 595-8696 by Thursday, April 12.

Mayor Feierbach's presentation will have a theme titled "*Belmont 20/20: Visioning the Future.*" "My address will highlight using our own adopted Vision statement as a guide" stated Mayor Feierbach. "I am excited to address and speak with our Belmont community."

Space is limited. You may place your reservation by emailing the Belmont Chamber of Commerce at [execdirector@belmontchamber.org](mailto:execdirector@belmontchamber.org). # # #

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3/27/2007      Armed Robbery - Victim Injured

Type of Incident: **Armed Robbery – Victim Injured**

Case #: 0703-1256

Location: Parking Lot - Safeway 2100 Ralston Ave. Belmont, Ca 94002

Date: 3/25/07

Time: 2307

## **EVENT**

On Sunday, March 25, 2007 @ approx. 11:07PM, Belmont Police responded to a report of a robbery in the parking lot of the Safeway store, located at 2100 Ralston Ave. The case is currently under investigation, but the following is known at this time.

The victim, a 47yr old woman from San Carlos, had exited the store and was going to her car when she was approached by the suspect. The suspect grabbed the victim's purse and ran. The victim ran after the suspect but stopped when he got into a vehicle driven by another suspect. The suspect vehicle was last seen, westbound on Ralston Ave, from the store.

The victim went into the store for help and at that time realized she had sustained a cut to her arm during the robbery. The victim was treated at the scene by paramedics from the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department and was taken to an area hospital, where she was treated and released. The weapon is unknown.

The suspect is described as an African American Male, 25-30 yrs of age, approx. 5' 8", 175 lbs. clean shaven. He was wearing a black baseball cap, a dark blue shirt and black baggy pants. The suspect vehicle is described as a newer, champagne colored sedan, similar to a Toyota Corolla. A composite sketch of the suspect accompanies this press release.

Anyone with information on this crime is asked to call Belmont Police at 650-595-7400 or the Belmont Police Crime Tip Line at 650-598-3000. Investigators are interested in talking with two possible witnesses, who were seen on the center median of Ralston Ave, adjacent to the store at the time of the robbery.

A copy of this press release and [composite sketch](#) of the suspect can be found at the City of Belmont Web site, [www.belmont.gov](http://www.belmont.gov).

By: Lt. Daniel DeSmidt  
Date: 3/27/07    Time: 1200hrs  
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Authorized By: Lt. Daniel DeSmidt  
Date: 3/27/07    Time: 1200h

4/6/2007 Sexual Assault Case Closed

Type of Incident: **Sexual Assault Case Closed**  
Location: Notre Dame de Namur University

Case #: 0701-1132  
Date: 4/6/07

## **EVENT**

Belmont Police Detectives have closed the case from January involving the allegation of a sexual assault on the NDNU campus. While conducting dozens of follow up interviews, a male NDNU student was identified in the case. He cooperated with investigators and the case was forwarded to the San Mateo County DA's Office for review. Following that review, it was determined that criminal charges would not be filed in this case.

4/18/2007 Free Paper Shred

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 17, 2007

CONTACT: Lt. Dan DeSmidt (650) 595-7400

## **FREE PAPER SHRED**

### ***CITY TEAMING WITH BELMONT LION'S CLUB TO COMBAT IDENTITY THEFT***

Belmont, CA -- On Saturday April 28, 2007 at 8:00am the City of Belmont will be teaming with the Belmont Lion's Club to present the first ever Free Paper Shred. A truck has been provided from the Cintas Corporation to do the shredding of personal documents in the parking lot of the Belmont City Hall at One Twin Pines Lane. Community members are encouraged to bring their personal papers and join us in shredding those items before they fall into the hands of thieves.

"Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America and shredding your personal documents is one of the best ways to ensure that you or your loved ones don't become victims," said Captain Ed Wood. And with tax season recently past, there is no better time to rid your houses and offices of those old files.

The event will end when the one ton truck is full, so come early. Representatives from Allied Waste Management will collect the shreds for recycling after the event. So bring your boxes of old documents, support your Belmont Lion's Club, protect yourself from fraud, and protect the environment during this FREE event!

4/26/2007 Outdoor Fire Pits and Barbeque Pits

## ***NEWS RELEASE***

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**April 25, 2007**

**CONTACT: Fire Marshal, Jim Palisi**

**(650) 802-4255**

### **Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department**

600 Elm Street

San Carlos, Ca 94070

(650) 802-4255

Fax (650) 592-4714

#### **Outdoor Fire Pits and B.B.Q. Pits**

**Summer is almost here and the backyard cooking and enjoyment will start, but are homeowners using outdoor cooking and heating fire pits safely?**

The Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department has a few helpful tips to ensure residents

that cook outdoors and those residents that may use open fire pits for heating and visual enjoyment do so, but in a fire safe fashion. BBQ Pits, either those using propane or charcoal, are used as directed by the manufactured safety guidelines. Never use the grills in-doors or in areas that do not have adequate ventilation.

Cook at least ten feet from the structure, fence lines, and out from under low hanging tree branches. Place BBQ pits on a level surface and never leave the cooking appliance unattended, and keep a fire extinguisher near by. Remember, BBQ Pits are used for cooking and not for burning of trash and/or waste materials.  
**(Garbage)**

Open fire pits shall be used in a safe fashion only as indicated on the manufactures safety instructions. No open pits are permitted unless they are of the type that uses natural gas or propane. Fire pits that use logs or charcoal blocks for the flames and heating, shall have a screen cover attached during use.

***Also,*** all residents must be aware that the burning of trash and debris is not permitted! On Red-Flag Alert Days or High Fire Hazard Days, the Fire Department recommends that outdoor cooking and fire pits not be used. Never remove hot ashes until they are cool and completely out and place ash in a non-combustible metal can with a lid. Mixing a little water in with the ashes will ensure there are no hot ash materials that can start a fire.

4/26/2007 Fire Season 2007

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**April 25, 2007**

**CONTACT: Fire Marshal, Jim Palisi**

**(650) 802-4255**

## **Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department**

600 Elm Street

San Carlos, Ca 94070

(650) 802-4255

Fax (650) 592-4714

### **FIRE SEASON 2007**

**FIRE SEASON**.....it's rapidly approaching! With meteorological indicators suggesting a hot and dry summer the fire danger this year is very worrisome. As we do every year, the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department is urging Belmont and San Carlos residents to clear brush and grasses to a minimum of 30-ft to 100-ft from their homes, as to create a defensible space. The cleared section should not be to bare dirt.

Mowing grasses and weeds 4"-6" inches in height will reduce the hazardous fuels and reduce the spread of wildfires. Low growing fire resistant vegetation is also encouraged to be planted around the home. Removing dead and dry brush around the home should be done in the same fashion as with the grasses. Removing dead and dying tree limbs six to eight feet from the ground should also be done to create this defensible space. Removing pine needles and other debris from your roof and gutters is also a critical measure in protecting your home from a fire.

The Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department will be out this fire season inspecting residential areas to make sure homeowners are complying with Local and State Fire Codes. Please contact the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department for additional information regarding wildfire awareness and creating a defensible space.

(650)802-4255.

***Also,*** all residents must be aware that ***all*** forms fireworks are illegal in The City of Belmont and the City of San Carlos, including fireworks advertised as safe and sane as listed by the California State Fire Marshal's Office.

4/26/2007 Annual Indoor Flea Market in Belmont

# NEWS

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 25, 2007

CONTACT: Mary Doherty – 595-7441

### Annual Indoor Flea Market in Belmont

**Belmont, CA** - Vendor space is still available for the annual Flea Market at Barrett Community Center, 1870 Ralston Ave, Belmont. This event, hosted by Belmont Parks & Recreation Department, will be held from 9:00 am – 2:30pm on Saturday, June 2nd.

Take the opportunity to clean out and clean up. You get to make space for yourself, get some money for a trip, or those new items you've been eyeing. Let someone else enjoy something that's just taking up space at your home. Buyers mark your calendars for this not-to-be-missed event!

Of course you also get to benefit our environment, as we try to recycle one man's trash into another man's treasure, rather than going to the dump!

See your new Summer Activities Guide for the application, or check our website for Recreation Activities to sign up on-line, or give us a call for more information at (650) 595-7441.

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4/27/2007 Belmont Library Anniversary Celebration

## NEWS

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
CONTACT:**

**April 27, 2007  
Nawel Voelker (650) 595-7433**

### **Belmont Library Anniversary Celebration - Sunday, April 29, 2007**

The entire community is invited to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Belmont Library this Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>!

Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> marks the one-year anniversary of the Belmont Library and the community is invited to help celebrate with a party at the library on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Special events include Storytime at 1 p.m. and guitarist Peter Flechter from 2-4 p.m. Mr. Flechter is straight from Carnegie Hall! There will also be a scavenger hunt, refreshments, and a special book sale of large sized books at 20% off with additional 10% for members of Library Friends.

All are welcome to join the celebration.

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5/2/2007 Ralston School Traffic Collision

## School Traffic Collision

Pursuant to California Government Code § 6254(f) **Case #: 0705-0012**

Ralston Middle School  
2675 Ralston Ave  
Belmont

Date: 5/2/07

Time: 12:35 PM

### **EVENT**

Belmont PD officers are currently investigating a traffic collision that occurred today at Ralston Middle School. The investigation is ongoing, but preliminary witness statements indicate that a male driver lost control of his tan SUV in the school parking lot. During that time students were lined up at the curb waiting to load onto several buses. The SUV went over the curb and struck a number of the students. At least 5-7 students were seriously injured in the collision. Additional students suffered minor injuries attempting to flee the scene, or were treated for anxiety after witnessing the event.

A total of 14 people were transported to area hospitals. Thirteen of those were students. One student was airlifted, though his condition is said to be good. Initially two students transported to Stanford Hospital were reported to have potentially critical injuries. After further examination and assessment, Stanford Hospital now reports that none of the injuries appear to be life threatening. The driver (whose name is not being released) was also transported to an area hospital due to anxiety. He is cooperating with investigators. There is no reason to believe that this was an intentional act. Investigators will not consider charging the driver with a crime until the investigation is complete.

Ralston Ave traffic was diverted for approximately one hour.

For up to date information about scheduling and resources at Ralston Middle School, parents are encouraged to check the schools web page at [www.belmont.k12.ca.us/main/ralston](http://www.belmont.k12.ca.us/main/ralston)

This investigation is still in its' early stages. Anyone with information on this case is asked to call the Belmont Police Dept's Traffic Division at (650) 595-7400.

By: Lt. Dan DeSmidt  
Date: 5/2/07

Authorized By: Capt. Ed Wood  
Time: 1730 hrs

5/2/2007

Press Release By: Ralston School Principal re: Collision

### Ralston Middle School

#### Up-Dated Information Regarding the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Parking Lot Accident

I'm writing to inform Ralston parents and the community about the accident after school today, Wednesday, May 02, 2007. A car veered out of control and into a crowd of students who were preparing to board the bus. There was a quick response from the Ralston staff who were present at the scene, immediately assisting students who were injured. Within minutes, Belmont Police, Fire and Paramedics arrived and began to treat all students at the scene. Students were triaged and directed to the appropriate hospital. Parents of injured students were contacted. At the time of the accident, paramedics indicated that there appeared to be no life-threatening injuries. I want to take a moment to thank our students who remained calm and quietly followed all directions. I also want to acknowledge the Ralston staff who responded with focus, helping to keep the scene calm and attending to the injured students.

School will be in session tomorrow. We have arranged for many grief counselors from our district, Carlmont High School and San Mateo County to be present at Ralston all day and available for any student who is effected by the incident. STAR testing will be cancelled for the week. Students will report to homeroom to begin the day.

We are working with Belmont Police for up-dates related to this incident. They will continue to post information on their webpage at [www.belmont.gov](http://www.belmont.gov).

5/3/2007 Ralston School Traffic Collision UPDATE

Type of Incident: **School Traffic Collision –  
UPDATE** Case #: 0704-0012

Location: Ralston Middle School  
(2675 Ralston Ave, Belmont)

Date: 5/2/07  
Time: 1235hrs

#### **EVENT**

On Wednesday, May 2, 2007 @ approx. 1235hrs, the driver of a 2004 Honda Pilot SUV lost control of the vehicle in the parking lot of Ralston Middle School. The vehicle struck a parked SamTrans bus and then drove into a group of students waiting to board the bus. The incident is currently under investigation but the following updated information is available at this time.

#### **UPDATE #1**

Initially, 15 people were treated at the scene. Of these, 12 students were taken to various area hospitals by ambulance, one student was air-lifted to Eden Hospital in Castro Valley, one student was treated at the scene and released. The driver of the SUV was taken to an area hospital by ambulance as a precaution. At this time all of the patients have been released with the exception of four (4) students who are at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital in Palo Alto.

The vehicle is being examined by Belmont Police investigators with the assistance of specialists from the California Highway Patrol. Neither the mechanical condition nor speed of the vehicle, at the time of the collision, have been determined.

The driver, who is cooperating with investigators, was not injured in the collision but was transported to an area hospital as a precaution. He is identified as Mauro Yan, age 70, of Redwood City. Mr. Yan was at the school to pick up his granddaughter. His granddaughter was in the vehicle at the time of the collision, but was not injured. There are no indications at this time that either alcohol or drugs were a factor in this incident.

The cause of this collision has not been determined and a final report on the incident will not be available for 6 to 8 weeks.

A Belmont Police School Resource Officer will be on-campus today along with Belmont Police Chaplains and other mental health professionals, to assist students and staff in the aftermath of this incident.

In all nineteen (19) Officers and support personnel from Belmont PD responded to the initial incident, along with units from San Mateo PD, San Carlos PD and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. Three (3) Engine Companies one (1) Truck Company and several chief officers from Belmont-San Carlos Fire responded, along with units from San Mateo FD, Redwood City FD, Woodside FD, Foster City FD, North County Fire & the San Mateo County FD. Seven (7) ambulances and one (1) helicopter were used to transport the patients.

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By: Sergeant Patrick Halleran  
Date: 5/3/07 Time: 1035hrs

Authorized By: Caption Edward Wood  
Date: 5/3/07 Time: 1035hrs

5/15/2007 Belmont E-Waste Collection - June 2, 2007

# NEWS

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 16, 2007

**CONTACT:** Diane VanZant (650) 595-7460

## **Belmont E-Waste Collection Event – June 2, 2007**

The City of Belmont Public Works Department together with ECS Refining is hosting an E-Waste Collection Event on June 2, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the CalTrain parking lot between O'Neill and Ralston in Belmont. No appointment is needed. There will be people available to unload your unwanted items. Acceptable items include computers, monitors, cell phones, fax machines, TVs, printers, and consumer electronics. There will also be a drop-off location for alkaline batteries, florescent tubes and car batteries.

Appliances, dishwashers, ranges, microwaves, washers, dryers, and refrigerators will not be accepted.

If you need further information, please contact the Belmont Public Works Department at 595-7460.

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5/15/2007 Early Morning Fire Displaces One Person

# Press Release

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**May 15, 2007**

**CONTACT:** Chief Doug Fry at (650) 802-4225

## **Early Morning Structure Fire displaces one person!**

*Belmont, CA --*

An early morning structure fire at 3308 Plateau Drive in Belmont displaced an elderly woman this morning.

The Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department responded to a working structure fire at 3308 Plateau Drive at 6:50 a.m. A 77-year-old female occupant was still in the structure at the time of the fire. Neighbors assisted in guiding the elderly woman to safety. The first engine arrived to find a well-involved structure fire. They immediately called for a second alarm response

Firefighters from San Mateo, Foster City, Redwood City, Woodside and CAL Fire assisted the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department in containing the blaze by bringing it under control in about 30 minutes

One firefighter suffered minor burns and scrapes as he fell through the floor on the interior of the structure. He was treated and released after being transported to Sequoia Hospital. Damage estimates are at \$1,250,00.00. \$1,000,000.00 for the structure and \$250,000.00 for the contents. The fire is currently under investigation; it is not considered suspicious at this time.

Units Responded:

Belmont-San Carlos FD  
E15, E14, E16, T13, BC4, CH4

Foster City Fire  
BC6

San Mateo Fire  
E27, E23, E25, BC5, PR5

Redwood City Fire  
T9, BC3, TO3

Woodside Fire  
WT8

CAL Fire  
E17, E217, BC12, BS17, E18

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**FIRE CHIEF**  
Douglas Fry

### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

#### The Dangers of Oil-Soaked Rags

Recently, the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department has responded to fires that have ignited because of spontaneous combustion with oil-soaked rags. As the weather gets better, many homeowners wish to stain decks and fences to beautify their homes. The applicators used to spread the stains left in a closed container can become a safety nightmare. Many people do not believe it can happen. For no apparent reason, fire erupts, usually during off hours – as the materials have had time to react. This is called spontaneous ignition, and preventing is part of your job.

Spontaneous ignition occurs when a combustible object is heated to its ignition temperature by a chemical reaction involving the oxygen in the air around us. This “oxidation” process creates heat that, if not dissipated, will build up until ignition occurs. Generally, this can happen when the materials are left in piles and the heat being generated in the pile cannot be released into the air.

A number of materials are moderately or highly subject to spontaneous heating and subsequent ignition. Some of those you may find in your work area include oil-based paint in contact with cotton or other fibrous combustible material, cloth material that is damp with any one of a number of different types of oils, including vegetable oils, uniforms or work clothes with paint over-spray; all these from flammable liquids.

The possibility of spontaneous ignition is great if the surrounding air is also warm and dry. The added heat, say from nearby machinery or a non-insulated steam line, can either pre-heat the material, which in turn sets off the reaction, or can hasten ignition by adding even more heat to the combustible.

It is simple to prevent spontaneous ignition, since oxygen is needed for it to occur. Materials subject to spontaneous ignition should be stored in covered metal containers such as a rag safety can or a metal trashcan. Admittedly the container will contain oxygen at first. However, the oxidation process will cease and reaction will stop the fire ignition.

Another strategy is to spread the combustible material out so the resulting heat can be dissipated rather than allowed to build up-again.

Good housekeeping is the key to preventing fires. Remove all debris from around the home. Properly store flammable and combustible liquids in covered metal containers. Be sure the containers remain in place away from electrical appliances and other ignition sources.

By working to prevent fires, you protect your own home and the surrounding community.

6/8/2007 Ralston School Traffic Collision UPDATE

### **Ralston School Traffic Collision - UPDATE**

Location: Ralston Middle School (2675 Ralston Ave, Belmont)

Case #: 0705-0012 Date: 5/2/07 Time: 1235hrs

#### **EVENT**

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Initially, 15 people were treated at the scene. Of these, 12 students were taken to various area hospitals by ambulance, one student was air-lifted to Eden Hospital in Castro Valley, one student was treated at the scene and released. At this time all of the patients have been released from the hospital.

#### **UPDATE (June 8, 2007)**

The vehicle was examined by Belmont Police investigators with the assistance of specialists from the California Highway Patrol. That examination revealed no mechanical defects that would lead to a malfunction or contribute to the cause of the collision. Belmont Police investigators now believe that driver error was the sole cause of the collision, and that the driver in this case (70 year old Mauro Yan of Redwood City) had his foot on the accelerator when he believed he was stepping on the brake pedal. The San Mateo County District Attorney's Office has been asked to review the facts of this case to determine whether or not Yan's actions constituted reckless driving. Belmont PD investigators have also filed a formal request to reconsider Yan's driving privileges with the California Department of Motor Vehicles pending a reexamination.

In all nineteen (19) Officers and support personnel from Belmont PD responded to the initial incident, along with units from San Mateo PD, San Carlos PD and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office. Three (3) Engine Companies one (1) Truck Company and several chief officers from Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department responded, along with units from San Mateo FD, Redwood City FD, Woodside FD, Foster City FD, North County Fire & the San Mateo County FD. Seven (7) ambulances and one (1) helicopter were used to transport the patients.

The Belmont Police Department wishes to thank those allied agencies who assisted with this massive response and investigation. We also want to thank and acknowledge the students, staff and parents from Ralston Middle School for their prompt action and cooperative effort in the face of this tragic event.

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Lt. Dan DeSmidt will be available for comment on this press release between 2 pm and 5 pm today at the Belmont PD headquarters in Twin Pines Park.

By: Lt. Dan DeSmidt  
Date: June 8, 2007 Time: 1300 hrs

Authorized By: Capt. Ed Wood  
Date: June 8, 2007 Time: 1500 hrs

6/14/2007     Fireworks!

**NEWS RELEASE**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - June 14, 2007**

**CONTACT: Fire Marshal, Jim Palisi  
(650) 802-4255**

**Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department  
Douglas Fry-Fire Chief**

600 Elm Street  
San Carlos, Ca 94070  
(650) 802-4255  
Fax (650) 592-4714

**FOURTH OF JULY 2007**

*Belmont, CA*~ The Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department in conjunction with the City of Belmont Police Department and the City of San Carlos Police Department, want to remind all citizens that **“all”** forms of fireworks are strictly prohibited in both cities. Each year, fireworks and other “human factors” have caused a significant amount of fires along the peninsula during the Fourth of July Holiday period. Burn injuries and sometimes death come to those who use any form of fireworks. Many fires to residential structures have been attributed to persons using “Safe & Sane” and “Dangerous” Fireworks, even though they are strictly prohibited by local and state laws. If a person who is using fireworks causes damage to someone else’s property or bodily injury, he or she may be responsible for paying for all damages to the property, medical expenses, plus the associated cost to suppress the fire. In addition, that person could be fined or even jailed.

This is true of both children and adults, regardless of whether the fireworks are the legal or illegal type. Fire Marshal James Palisi warns, “All fireworks are illegal in the jurisdictional boundaries of the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department. Be aware of this law and remember: All fireworks can injure people and are capable of starting large fires.” Professional fireworks shows have occurred in the past in the City of Foster City, City of Redwood City, San Francisco near Crissy Field, and Great America in Santa Clara. These shows are specifically designed for public viewing and to safely celebrate Independence Day. Check the local news papers at the end of June and up to July 4<sup>th</sup> for more specific information on the times and locations of these professional firework shows

The time period between Memorial Day and Labor Day has been called “Critical Fire Hazard Days” because this is the time when most fires start and cause severe destruction to lives and property.

Fire Marshal Palisi emphasizes that fireworks are not toys and should never be used. Although sparklers are sometimes thought of as innocent as a candle, they will heat to temperatures of 1800°F within seconds. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, an estimated 7,000 injuries were treated in hospital emergency rooms during the one-month period surrounding the Fourth of July. Forty percent of injuries caused by fireworks are to children 15 years old and younger. The most commonly injured parts of the body are hands, eyes, heads, and faces.

**Remember: Report all fires and medical emergencies—do not delay calling the fire department.**

For more information on fireworks regulations in your area contact your local police or fire department.

6/29/2007 Notice - Sewer Rate Public Hearing  
(Press release not found.)

7/9/2007 Election Season Set to Begin

# NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 9, 2007

CONTACT: Terri Cook – (650) 595-7414

## Election Season Set to Begin

*Belmont, CA* -- The City of Belmont will hold a General Municipal Election on November 6. Two seats on the five-member Council will be up for election, as is the City's City Clerk (full-time position) and City Treasurer positions. All seats are four-year terms, and because Belmont has no term limits, all incumbents are eligible for re-election.

Candidate packets, including nomination papers and other statutory forms, will be available to any interested candidate beginning Monday, July 16, and the deadline to file papers as a candidate is Friday, August 10. If an incumbent has not filed nomination papers by the August 10 deadline, further nomination of candidates, other than incumbents, for such elective office will be received until 5:00 P.M. on August 15. These dates are set by Election Code and cannot be waived. Candidate packets are not available prior to July 16th.

The City will conduct an orientation for all declared candidates after the filing period closes in August.

In addition, the County Elections Office is holding a series of informational workshops for those interested in becoming candidates for any local race in San Mateo County. Please contact their office at (650) 312-5222 for more information.

Nomination papers must be picked up in person by the prospective candidate (not his/her representative) from the City Clerk in Suite 375 at City Hall, One Twin Pines Lane, during regular business hours (8 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.). "Although an appointment to take out nomination papers is not required, it is highly recommended to ensure that I am available to review the paperwork with the candidate. This process can be a little overwhelming, especially for a newcomer," said Terri Cook, Belmont City Clerk. "I like to sit down and review each document to ensure the prospective candidate is familiar with all of the requirements. There's more to it than just a statement that you've decided to run for a certain office." To be a candidate, you must be a registered voter in the City of Belmont.

For more information or to make an appointment for picking up a nomination packet, please contact the City Clerk's office at 650-595-7413, or email the City Clerk at [tcCook@belmont.gov](mailto:tcCook@belmont.gov).

The deadline to register to vote for the November election is October 22.

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7/16/2007 GFOA Award

# NEWS

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

July 16, 2007

**CONTACT:** Thomas Fil – 595-7435

**Belmont Wins Finance Award Again**

**Belmont, CA -- The City of Belmont has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA).**

This is the 9th consecutive year Belmont has received the award.

The award is for the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Belmont's CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, including full disclosure.

"Belmont has a long history of superior financial reporting. This award is reflective of the City's commitment to sound financial planning and reporting. It is a testament to the value of following a comprehensive set of financial policies adopted by the City Council and the hard work of a dedicated staff," said Thomas Fil, Finance Director.

The GFOA is a non-profit professional association serving approximately 16,000 government finance officials.

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7/26/2007 Celebration of Newly Landscaped Parking Area

# NEWS

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

July 26, 2007

**CONTACT:** Grace Saggau (650) 595-7470

## **Celebration of the Newly Landscaped Parking Area In Twin Pines Park/Belmont Civic Center**

*Belmont, CA* – The City of Belmont is pleased to invite the entire community to attend the Celebration of the recently completed landscaping and parking improvement project in Twin Pines Park/Belmont Civic Center at One Twin Pines Lane on Sunday, July 29 at 12:30 p.m.

There will be a “Ribbon Cutting” ceremony to celebrate the successful completion of the landscaping and parking lot improvements that will provide easy access for visitors to Belmont City Hall and Twin Pines Park. This project was installed in the area that housed the former Police facility.

The event will take place prior to the last concert in the Free Summer Concert series that will feature the rock band “D-5” at 1:00 p.m. in Twin Pines Park Meadow.

For additional information on this event please call the Belmont Parks & Recreation Department at 650-595-7441.

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7/27/2007 City Parks and Recreation Director Resigns

# NEWS

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

July 27, 2007

**CONTACT:** Jack Crist – (650) 595-7408

## **CITY PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR RESIGNS**

Parks and Recreation Director Adam Politzer has announced his resignation from the City of Belmont. He has accepted a position as City Manager for the City of Sausalito.

Politzer has been the Parks and Recreation Director for Belmont since July 2006.

“It has been an honor to serve Belmont and its community,” said Politzer. “I will miss the exceptional people that make Belmont so special.”

“Adam is a skilled professional who has done an outstanding job for us and the Parks and Recreation Department this past year. The City of Belmont will miss his contribution to the ‘City Team’, and wishes him well in his new career with the City of Sausalito.” said City Manager Jack Crist, “Belmont’s loss is Sausalito’s gain.”

Politzer’s last day with Belmont is August 10. Crist is expected to appoint an Interim Parks and Recreation Director to fill the gap.

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8/6/2007 Belmont Parks and Recreation - Free Family Night Movie

## NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 6, 2007

CONTACT:

Park and Recreation Dept. – (650) 595-7441

Belmont Parks & Recreation to present the first FREE Family Movie Night

Friday, August 17, 2007

*Belmont, CA --*

The Belmont Parks & Recreation Department is proud to present the first FREE Family Movie Night on August 17th in the Meadow of Twin Pines Park. Families and friends of all ages are invited for a free movie under the stars. Moviegoers are welcome to bring a blanket, small lawn chair, and picnic basket. All are invited to participate in pre-movie fun and activities for the kids. Food and beverages will be offered for sale.

Schedule for Belmont Family Movie Night

6 p.m. Park opens for recycling and water conservation activities

8 p.m. Big screen feature film "*Flushed Away*"

"It's great to hear that Belmont Parks & Recreation is bringing this event to our community," said City Manager Jack Crist. Family Movie Night provides a fun, free evening out for families with the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful movie at one of our most beautiful parks."

"We felt that it was important to bring a family evening like Movie Night to Belmont," said Adam Politzer, Director of Parks & Rec. "So many cities and towns like this have events that bring the community together, and we're looking forward to watching this wonderful movie with our friends, family and neighbors on August 17th."

The park opens at 6 p.m. for families to pick their spot! Movies will be shown shortly after dark, between 7:45 and 8:00 p.m.

For more information on this community event please contact the Belmont Park and Recreation Department at 650-595-7441.

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8/15/2007 Interim Parks and Recreation Directors Named

# NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 15, 2007

**CONTACT:** Jack Crist – (650) 595-7408

## Interim Parks and Recreation Directors Name

### ***Belmont, CA --***

The Belmont City Manager has announced that he has selected George Brunson and Daniel Ourtiague as Co-Interim Parks and Recreation Directors, taking over for Adam Politzer, whose last day was August 10, 2007. George Brunson is currently a Recreation Supervisor for the City of Belmont, and Daniel Ourtiague is currently a Senior Park Lead for Belmont. Adam Politzer resigned to become the City Manager of Sausalito beginning in September.

“We are assured that George and Daniel will do a great job for the City of Belmont during this interim,” said City Manager Jack Crist, “Their experience and enthusiasm for the Department as well as for the residents of Belmont will ensure the transition is seamless.”

Mr. Brunson and Mr. Ourtiague will begin their new assignments in Belmont on Monday, August 13. They are expected to serve as Interim Recreation and Park Directors until a permanent Director is hired.

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8/20/2007 Free Belmont Family Movie Night in the Park is a Great Success

# NEWS

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

August 20, 2007

**CONTACT:** Erica Spacher (650) 595-7447

## **Free Belmont Family Movie Night in the Park is a Great Success**

(Belmont, CA) – On Friday, August 17, the Belmont Parks & Recreation Department hosted the first ‘Movie Night in the Park’ at the Twin Pines Park Meadow in Belmont. The evening featured the hit movie ‘Flushed Away.’ Along with the film they held a water conservation and recycling fair, which exhibited a series of water, sewer, waste and fire trucks. The intent of the fair and movie were to educate the children and residents of Belmont in the importance of water conservation and the various opportunities for recycling.

“This is just the beginning,” says Interim Co-Director of the Recreation Division, George Brunson. On Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> the Recreation Department will be hosting an event called ‘Dancing Under The Stars,’ which will include fine hors d’oeuvres, a variety of music, dance instructors, on-site childcare and a no-host bar. Tickets are expected to sell out so residents are encouraged to purchase them as soon as possible. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation office at 595-7441.

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**CITY OF BELMONT**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**On Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Belmont City Council Chambers at One Twin Pines Lane the Belmont City Council will review a proposed draft smoking ordinance which contains the following basic provisions:**

1. With the exception of the landlord/tenant lease addendum (described below), this ordinance would be effective 30 days after adoption.
2. Exposure to secondhand smoke would be declared a public nuisance.
3. The city would encourage the affected parties to resolve any disputes privately prior to city enforcement.
4. City enforcement, if necessary, would be complaint-driven.

**Smoking would be PROHIBITED:**

- In all indoor workplaces except for sole-proprietorship smoke shops;
- In all outdoor workplaces (including at outdoor eating and service areas of cafes and restaurants);
- In outdoor public places, such as parks, sports stadiums and fields, recreation trails, and shopping malls;
- In indoor and outdoor common areas of all multi-unit residences, as currently prohibited;
- In individual units and their patio/yard areas of multi-unit, multi-story residences (apartments, condominiums, and townhouses) which share common floors and/or ceilings with at least one other such unit.
- Landlords would be required to insert no-smoking terms in their residential leases, per the California Apartment

**Smoking would be ALLOWED:**

- On all streets and sidewalks, unless being used as outdoor workplaces, or at city-sponsored events (such as parades and fairs);
- In all single family homes and their patio/yard areas;
- In individual units and their patio/yard areas of multi-unit residences (apartments, condominiums, and townhouses) which do not share any common floors and/or ceilings with any other such units;
- In owner-designated outdoor smoking areas of multi-unit residences;
- In any city-designated outdoor smoking areas;
- In moving vehicles.

Association's Approved Form.

- These landlord/tenant lease provisions would go into effect 14 months after adoption of the ordinance.

- Twenty feet from all places (except outdoor workplaces) where smoking is prohibited.

# NEWS

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 30, 2007

**CONTACT:** Terri Cook – (650) 595-7413

### **Public Hearing Scheduled For Belmont's Proposed Draft Smoking Ordinance**

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9/6/2007 Write-in Candidate Information

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
September 5, 2007

**CONTACT:** Terri Cook – (650) 595-7413

Belmont, CA -- The City of Belmont will hold a General Municipal Election on November 6. Two seats on the five-member Council will be up for election, as is the City Clerk (full-time position) and City Treasurer positions. All seats are four-year terms.

The Elections Code provides for a write-in candidacy period, which will open on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, and close at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2007. In order to qualify, prospective candidates must file the requisite nomination papers, similar to those filed by previously-qualified candidates.

Nomination papers must be obtained in person by the prospective candidate (not his/her representative) from the City Clerk in Suite 375 at City Hall, One Twin Pines Lane, during regular business hours (8 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.). "Although an appointment to take out nomination papers is not required, it is highly recommended to ensure that I am available to review the paperwork with the candidate. This process can be a little overwhelming, especially for a newcomer," said Terri Cook, Belmont City Clerk. "I like to sit down and review each document to ensure the prospective candidate is familiar with all of the requirements. There's more to it than just saying that you've decided to run for office." To be a candidate, you must be a registered voter in the City of Belmont at the time you request nomination papers.

It should be noted that qualified write-in candidates will not have a candidate statement published, nor will their name appear on the written ballot. Only those candidates who filed their nomination papers during the regular nomination period will appear on the ballot.

For more information or to make an appointment for obtaining a write-in candidacy nomination packet, please contact the City Clerk's office at 650-595-7413, or email the City Clerk at [tcook@belmont.gov](mailto:tcook@belmont.gov).

The deadline to register to vote for the November election is October 22.

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9/28/2007 Owner-Builder Workshop in Belmont

# NEWS

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 28, 2007

**CONTACT:** Mark Nolfi – (650) 595-7422

### **Owner-Builder Workshop in Belmont**

**Belmont, CA** -- On Thursday, October 18, 2007, the City of Belmont will be conducting an Owner-Builder Seminar on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall at 6:30 PM. Hosted by the Community Development Department, the seminar will take attendees step by step through the process involved in obtaining a building permit. Representatives from the Planning and Building Divisions will describe submittal requirements for planning and building applications, public hearings and inspections. For registration, please contact Kelsey Mathias at (650) 595-7422 or [kmathias@belmont.gov](mailto:kmathias@belmont.gov). Space is limited. Refreshments will be served.

[Workshop Flyer](#)

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10/5/2007     Armed Robbery

## **BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE**

Pursuant to California Government Code § 6254(f)

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Type of Incident: **Armed Robbery**

Case #: 0710-0026

Location: 1900 blk Ralston Ave, Belmont

Date: 10/4/07    Time: 5:45AM

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### **EVENT**

On Thursday, October 4, 2007 Belmont Police responded to a report of an armed robbery, which had just occurred in the 1900 blk of Ralston Ave. The incident is currently under investigation, but the following is known at this time.

The victim, a 18 yr old female, was walking in the 1900 blk of Ralston Ave, on her way to work. She was approached by a female juvenile, 16-17 yrs of age, who was armed with a knife. The suspect took the victim's iPod and fled in a white newer model SUV, similar to a Lexus or Volvo in shape. The SUV was driven by an older white female and there may have been another subject in the back of the vehicle.

The victim was not injured.

A [composite sketch](#) of the suspect accompanies this press release. Both this press release and sketch are available electronically at the City of Belmont Web site, [www.belmont.gov](http://www.belmont.gov) . Click on Press Releases on the left side of the home page.

By: Lt. Dan DeSmidt

Date: 10/5/07    Time: 1000hrs

Authorized By: Lt. Dan DeSmidt

Date: 10/5/07    Time: 1000rs

# NEWS

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 9, 2007

**CONTACT:** Terri Cook – (650) 595-7413

### **Belmont Political Sign Regulations Clarified**

*Belmont* -- Saturday, October 13, 2007 marks the day on which temporary political signs for the November 6, 2007, campaign may be erected in the public right-of-way in the City of Belmont. However, no signs are allowed in the public right-of-way on Ralston Avenue, El Camino Real, Old County Road, and Alameda de las Pulgas. There are no regulations pertaining to placement of political signs on private property, even property on or abutting the above-named streets (except size of the sign, as noted below).

Belmont's sign ordinance also prohibits signs larger than four square feet (except for the fence at Twin Pines Park), illuminated, placed on roofs, placed on private property without the express consent of the property owner, or placed in any street median, or on any bridge, public utility box, utility pole, traffic control sign, signal or street sign. Political signs on private property or in the permitted public-right-of-way that interfere with sight distance or safe bicycle or pedestrian circulation are not allowed.

For the full text of the Belmont City Code related to political signs, please visit the City's Web site at [www.belmont.gov](http://www.belmont.gov) (select "Municipal Code"). Questions, concerns, or complaints regarding political signs may be directed to the City Clerk's office at (650) 595-7413, or email [cclerk@belmont.gov](mailto:cclerk@belmont.gov).

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10/29/2007 Alameda Kiosk Project

# NEWS

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 29, 2007

**CONTACT:** Daniel Ourtiague (650)595-7442

### **Alameda Kiosk Project**

*Belmont, CA* -- Come celebrate with the Belmont community at a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for the completion of the Alameda Kiosk Landscape Improvement Project on Alameda de las Pulgas and Arthur Avenue, on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 at 9:00am. This historic Turreted Kiosk, built in the 1920's, was once a real estate sales office for homes being built on the hillsides surrounding the golf course. The triangular median has been improved with landscaping and dedication plaques from the coordinated efforts of the Belmont community, along with special guidance from the Central and Cipriani Neighborhood Associations in an effort to beautify this landmark that so many know is unique to Belmont. Key supporters and contributors towards the project were The Belmont Historical Society, The Congregational Church, Belmont Park Boosters, Mid-Peninsula Water District, Dennis Pantano family and the Belmont City Council.

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10/31/2007 Holiday Craft Faire

# NEWS

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

November 1, 2007

**CONTACT:** Parks and Recreation (650) 595-7441

## **HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIRE**

*Belmont* – On November 17 and 18 from 10:00-4:00, Belmont Parks and Recreation will host their Annual Holiday Craft Faire. The Faire will be located in Twin Pines Park, 30 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont.

The Twin Pines Holiday Craft Faire will feature local artists and craft persons offering a wide selection of gifts and decorations. The atmosphere of Twin Pines Park makes this one of the most charming events of the year.

Free admission. For further information please call the Belmont Parks & Recreation at 595-7441.

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11/7/2007 Mountain Lion Sightings

## **BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE**

Pursuant to California Government Code § 6254(f)

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Type of Incident: **Mountain Lion Sightings**

Location: Hallmark Neighborhood, Belmont

Date: 11/7/07

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### **EVENT**

The Belmont Police Department and the State Department of Fish and Game have received three separate reports of mountain lion sightings in the Hallmark neighborhood of Belmont today. In each case, the large cat was seen near homes. The animal was not aggressive and nobody was harmed or endangered. The Hallmark neighborhood borders open space.

As a precaution, the Belmont Police Department is providing flyers and a pre-recorded phone message to residents in the area. For tips on safely coexisting with wildlife please visit the State Department of Fish and Game website at [www.dfg.ca.gov/news/issues/lion.html](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/news/issues/lion.html)

By: Sergeant Tony Psaila  
Date: 11/7/07 Time: 1600hrs

Authorized By: Lt. Dan DeSmidt  
Date: 11/7/07 Time: 1600hrs

11/8/2007 Smoking Ordinance Becomes Effective Friday

# NEWS

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 8, 2007

**CONTACT:** City Manager's Office (650) 595-7408

### SMOKING ORDINANCE BECOMES EFFECTIVE FRIDAY

**Belmont** – On Friday November 9<sup>th</sup>, the Belmont Smoking Ordinance becomes effective. This Ordinance is effective with exception of the multi-unit provisions which will become effective 14 months from now.

Additional information can be accessed on the City's website at <http://www.belmont.gov/subContent.asp?CatID=240000176>. This information includes the complete Ordinance, educational documents and cessation services.

Smoking complaints can be lodged by calling:

During business hours: Code Enforcement – 650.637.2968

After business hours: Belmont Police Department – 650.595.7400

Questions about this Ordinance should be directed to the City Attorney by calling 650.593.3117

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## **CITY OF BELMONT**

### **Smoking Ordinance – EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 9, 2007**

**which contains the following basic provisions:**

1. With the exception of the multi-unit regulations described below, this ordinance is effective as of November 9, 2007.
2. Exposure to secondhand smoke has been declared a public nuisance.
3. The city would encourage the affected parties to resolve any disputes privately prior to city enforcement.
4. City enforcement, if necessary, would be complaint-driven.  
Complaints can be directed to:

**During Business Hours – Code Enforcement – 650.637.2968**  
**After Business Hours – Belmont Police Department – 650.595.7400**  
**Questions concerning Ordinance – City Attorney – 650.593.3117**

**Smoking is PROHIBITED:**

- In all indoor workplaces except for defined tobacco retailers;
- In all outdoor workplaces (including at outdoor eating and service areas of cafes and restaurants);
- In outdoor public places, such as parks, sports stadiums and fields, recreation trails, and shopping malls;
- In indoor and outdoor common areas of all multi-unit residences, as currently prohibited;
- In individual units and their patio/yard areas of multi-unit, multi-story residences (apartments, condominiums, and townhouses) which share common floors and/or ceilings with at least one other such unit.
  - Landlords would be required to insert no-smoking terms in any new or renewed residential leases, per the California Apartment Association's Approved Form.
  - No-smoking terms would apply 14 months after effective date of ordinance. **EFFECTIVE DATE- JANUARY 9, 2009**
  - Covered units become non-smoking if occupant leaves.
- Twenty feet from outdoor areas where smoking is prohibited, unless passing through.

**Smoking is ALLOWED:**

- On all streets and sidewalks, unless being used as outdoor workplaces, or at city-sponsored events (such as parades and fairs);
- In all single family homes and their patio/yard areas;
- In individual units and their patio/yard areas of multi-unit residences (apartments, condominiums, and townhouses) which do not share any common floors and/or ceilings with any other such units;
- In owner-designated outdoor smoking areas of multi-unit residences;
- In any city-designated outdoor smoking areas;
- In automobiles, unless otherwise prohibited by State Law.

Updated 11/04/07

11/16/2007 Belmont City Hall Holiday Closure

# Notice

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 16, 2007

**CONTACT:** Jack Crist – (650) 595-7408

*Belmont, CA* -- City administrative offices

will be shut down from December 24 through January 1.

The following offices will be completely closed:

- City Clerk
- City Manager
- Community Development
- Finance (including business licenses)
- Human Resources
- Information Services
- Permit Center (including building inspections)
- Recreation Administration

*Police will be fully operational.* For emergencies, call 9-1-1. For other Police matters, please call 595-7400. Parks and Public Works crews will be on duty but administrative staff will not. For Park or Public Works emergencies, call 595-7400. The Belmont Senior and Community Center will be closed during this week, and the Belmont Community Learning Center (Day Care) will remain open on its regular holiday schedule.

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11/19/2007 Bank Robbery

Type of Incident: **Bank Robbery**  
Location: Citibank – Ralston Ave

Case #: **0711-0112**  
Date: 11/19/07 Time: 1:45 pm

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**EVENT**

On Monday November 19, 2007 at approximately 1:45 pm, Belmont Police responded to a report of a robbery which had just occurred at the Citibank on Ralston Ave. The investigation is currently on-going; however, the following information is available at this time:

A white male in his 50's entered the Citibank and robbed one of the tellers of an undisclosed amount of cash. The man then fled the bank on foot up Ralston Ave toward Alameda de las Pulgas. There were no injuries and no weapon was seen. The suspect is approximately 5 feet 9 inches tall with salt and pepper hair and a medium build. At the time of the robbery he was wearing black and white athletic shoes, blue jeans and a black leather jacket.

Investigators are canvassing the surrounding neighborhood for witnesses. This case is being investigated by the Belmont Police Department Investigations Bureau, working in cooperation with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Anyone with information on this case is asked to call:

- Belmont Police (650) 595-7400 or
- Belmont Police Crime Tip Line (650) 598-3000 or
- San Francisco Field Office of the FBI (415) 553-7400.

More information will be provided as it becomes available.

By: Lt. Dan DeSmidt  
Date: 11/19/07 Time: 1530hrs

Authorized By: Chief Don Mattei  
Date: 11/19/07 Time: 1530hrs

11/26/2007 Bank Robbery Suspect Photos Released

## NEWS

[Bank Robbery – Suspect Photograph Released](#)

Case #: **0711-0112**

Location: Citibank – 1888 Ralston Ave, Belmont

Date: 11/19/07 Time:

1:45 pm







11/26/2007 Bank Robbery Update

Type of Incident: **Bank Robbery – Suspect Photograph Released** Case #: **0711-0112**

Location: Citibank – 1888 Ralston Ave, Belmont Date: 11/19/07 Time: 1:45 pm

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## **EVENT**

On Monday November 19, 2007 at approximately 1:45 pm, male suspect entered the Citibank and robbed one of the tellers of an undisclosed amount of cash. The man then fled the bank on foot up Ralston Ave, toward Alameda de las Pulgas. There were no injuries and no weapon was seen. The suspect is described as:

- A white male or Hispanic male (possible mixed ethnic background)
- 45-55 years
- 5-9, medium build
- Thick salt-pepper hair
- Mustache
- Plastic frame glasses (appear to be prescription transition-type self darkening lenses)
- Black leather jacket, dark sweater (appears to be green in video), jeans, white athletic shoes

## **11/26/07 UPDATE**

The Belmont Police Department and Federal Bureau of Investigation are releasing photographs taken of the suspect, by bank security cameras, in an effort to identify the suspect. It is believed that this suspect is responsible for approx. half a dozen similar bank robberies up and down the state of California. Anyone with information on this suspect and or series of robberies, is asked to call:

- Belmont Police (650) 595-7400 or
- Belmont Police Crime Tip Line (650) 598-3000 or
- San Francisco Field Office of the FBI (415) 553-7400

More information will be provided as it becomes available.

**\* A copy of this press release and [photographs](#) of the suspect are available by going to the City of Belmont web site at [www.belmont.gov](http://www.belmont.gov) and clicking on the Press Releases button on the left side of the home page.**

By: Lt. Dan DeSmidt  
Date: 11/26/07 Time: 1430hrs

Authorized By: Chief Don Mattei  
Date: 11/26/07 Time: 1430hrs

11/26/2007 City Official Reorganization to be held December 11

## NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
November 26, 2007

CONTACT: Terri Cook – (650) 595-7413

### City Official Reorganization to be held December 11

**Belmont, CA**--The Belmont City Council will recognize incoming and outgoing officials at a meeting to be held at 7:30 PM on December 11<sup>th</sup> in the City Council Chambers at City Hall in Twin Pines Park.

New Council Members David Braunstein and Christine Wozniak, returning City Clerk Terri Cook, and returning City Treasurer John Violet will be sworn in at the meeting.

In addition, outgoing Council Members Dave Warden and Phil Mathewson will be recognized for their years of service to the community. Following the installation of the new Council Members, the Council will select a new Mayor and Vice-Mayor for the ensuing year.

The entire community is invited to attend the ceremony and reception immediately following the meeting.

The business items on the agenda that night will consist of consent calendar items only and there will be no public hearings. This meeting, as are all City Council meetings, will be shown live on cable Channel 27, and will be web-cast at [www.belmont.gov](http://www.belmont.gov).

This will be the final regularly-scheduled City Council meeting until January 8, 2008, due to the pending holiday season.

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11/26/2007    Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony & Park and Open Space Master Plan Update

## NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
November 26, 2007

CONTACT:    Daniel Ourtiague (650) 595-7441

### **Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony & Park and Open Space Master Plan Update**

**Belmont, CA --** The City of Belmont will be holding their first annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony at the Civic Center plaza on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm SHARP. There they will be lighting a 90 foot Redwood tree near the entrance of Twin Pines Park for the first time. The evening will also feature the sounds of a local chorale group, as well as hot cocoa and cookies.

Additionally, the City of Belmont is beginning the process of updating its Parks and Open Space Master Plan for all its parks, open spaces areas, buildings and other recreational facilities. The Purpose of the plan is to provide the city with a long term vision for its parks system, by identifying needs and trends that will satisfy the current and future population.

The Parks and Recreation Commission would like to receive input from the community at their first workshop set for Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Belmont's City Hall.

We encourage the citizens of Belmont to come join us and participate in both events. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 650-595-7441.

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11/27/2007 Belmont's 12th Annual Breakfast with Santa

# NEWS

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 27, 2007

**CONTACT:** Daniel Ourtiague (650) 595-7441

### **Belmont's 12th Annual Breakfast with Santa**

**Belmont, CA** - The City of Belmont Parks & Recreation Department is hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Breakfast with Santa event to be held on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Twin Pines Senior and Community Center. All ages are welcome to participate and pre-registration is required, as the event does fill up. The doors will open at 9:45am for photos with Santa and breakfast will be served starting at 10am. Children under 10 will get their picture taken with Santa, and receive a gift from him. The Heartbeat Dance troupe will perform some of their delightful dances before the marvelous magician; Willie Franklin takes the stage to entertain kids and adults alike with his dramatic show.

Also, December 8<sup>th</sup>, The Parks & Recreation Department will be collecting gently used coats and jackets for men, women and children to be donated to local agencies for people in need. Canned foods will also be collected to fill the bins for the Second Harvest Food Drive. This is Belmont's 4th year coordinating the "One Warm Coat" and "Canned Food" drives on behalf of local charity organizations.

For more information on these events, call the Belmont Parks & Recreation Department at 650-595-7441.

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12/7/2007 The City of Belmont Announces the "Beautify Belmont Awards Program"

# NEWS

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 7, 2007

**CONTACT:** Thomas Fil (650) 595-7433

### **The City of Belmont Announces the "Beautify Belmont Awards Program"**

**Belmont, CA** – The City of Belmont City Council proudly announces the establishment of the Beautify Belmont Awards Program. This new recognition program is designed to acknowledge individuals, businesses, and community groups who have enhanced the City's community by making significant exterior improvements to their Belmont properties. Eligible improvements include the enhancement, upgrading, reconstruction, or replacement of a property, making it more visually appealing as well as enriching the surrounding neighborhood or district.

The City encourages everyone, including property owners themselves, to submit nominations throughout the year. The deadline for 2007 nominations is January 30, 2008. Nomination forms must include the property location, a brief description of the improvements that have been made and how it has made an impact on the surrounding community. Before and after photos are appreciated, but are not required.

A Judging Committee will review the nominations and select properties which best demonstrate pride in Belmont's community. Winners will be recognized at a future City Council meeting. In coordination with the award presentation, a spring event is being developed to highlight select nominations with a "Garden Tour and Faire" in May 2008.

Finance Director Thomas Fil, the program coordinator, states, "This program is an excellent opportunity to let the community know we appreciate their effort to make Belmont one of the most beautiful communities on the Peninsula."

For more information on the Beautify Belmont Awards Program, or to receive a nomination form, please call 595-7433 or look on the City of Belmont website at [www.belmont.gov](http://www.belmont.gov).

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12/7/2007 Belmont Seeks Residents for “Green” Advisory Task Force

NEWS

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

December 7, 2007

**CONTACT:** Terri Cook – (650) 595-7413

**Belmont Seeks Residents for “Green” Advisory Task Force**

Belmont, CA -- The City of Belmont is currently recruiting residents interested in serving on a “Green” Advisory Task Force. The deadline to apply is 5:00 P.M. Friday, January 25, 2008, and the application is available on the City’s website: [www.belmont.gov](http://www.belmont.gov) under “City Council and Commissions,” by calling (650) 595-7413, or in person at the City Clerk’s Office, City Hall, One Twin Pines Lane, Suite 375.

The Green Advisory Task Force is scheduled to meet monthly, probably in the evenings, and advise the City Council regarding “green” issues and opportunities that impact Belmont residents and our environment. “This is a great opportunity for our community members to give input on important ecological issues,” said City Manager Jack Crist. “The City of Belmont and the City Council of Belmont take environmental issues very seriously.”

To apply for this task force and have an opportunity to make a contribution to your community, fill out the application form available on the website or from the City Clerk’s Office (One Twin Pines Lane, Suite 375), and return it to the City Clerk no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, January 25, 2008. Applicants must live in Belmont.

For more information, contact the City Clerk’s Office at 650-595-7413. You can also download an application from the following Belmont website link

<http://www.belmont.gov/subContent.asp?CatID=240000176>

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12/11/2007 Twin Pines Holiday Tree

## **NEWS**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 11, 2007

CONTACT: Parks and Recreation (650) 595-7441

### **TWIN PINES HOLIDAY TREE**

Belmont – Last week, the 50 year old Redwood Tree that stands over ninety feet tall in Belmont’s Twin Pines Park was lit for the holidays! This is Belmont’s first Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony since the tradition of Holiday Tree decorations in the 1880’s.

This majestic redwood tree is six feet taller than the holiday tree in New York’s Rockefeller Center, and can be seen from either Ralston or Sixth Avenues! “The tree takes my breath away when I see it,” says City Manager Jack Crist. “The Mayor and City Council deserve our thanks for approving the funding to light this tree with energy efficient lighting two months ago.”

The community is encouraged to drop by in the evening to see the spectacular tree during this holiday season. For further information please call the Belmont Parks & Recreation at 595-7441.

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## Notice

December 18, 2007

**CONTACT:** Department of Public Works – (650) 595-7427

### Sandbags Available for Belmont Residents

The Belmont Public Works Department is providing a limited supply of filled sandbags for residents. The sandbags may be picked up at the following location 24 hours a day, seven days a week:

- Outside the Corporation Yard (110 Sem Lane) under covered shelter.

Residents, particularly those who live in areas that regularly experience some flooding, are strongly encouraged to pick up sandbags to ensure they are prepared for possible flooding. Residents may obtain up to 12 bags per Belmont address. Sandbag information can also be found on the City's website at [www.belmont.gov](http://www.belmont.gov).

Public Works staff has the following suggestions for residents to prepare for the rainy season:

- Clean gutters and down spouts to assure proper water run-off away from the home
- Do not block the gutters, creeks, drainage canals, or catch basins with trash or debris.
- Store unused sand bags in a dry or covered area. Sandbags are not watertight and will absorb water. This makes them very difficult to move when wet.
- Trim vegetation back from curbs and gutters and use the BFI yard waste can for leaves to help keep drain inlets clear during the rainy season.
- Contact the Public Works Department at 595-7427 if you observe any significant blockage of leaves or other debris in gutters, creeks, or drainage canals.

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