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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 7, 2008

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 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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CONTACT: TerriCook – (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. Friday, January 25, 2008, and the application is available on the City's website: 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, 2011, and one vacant seat with two years remaining (expiring 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 openings for adult seats on the **Parks and Recreation Commission** for two-year terms expiring on March 1, 2010. 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, 2009. Youth members are full voting members of the Commission.

There are two openings on the **Finance Commission** for three-year terms expiring March 1, 2011, and one vacant seat with one year remaining on that term. The Finance Commission meets bimonthly on the first 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.

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 Friday, January 25, 2008. 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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1/10/2008 Historic Emmett House to Move

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 10, 2008

CONTACT: Public Works (650) 595-7425

HISTORIC EMMETT HOUSE TO MOVE

Belmont – On January 22nd the City will be moving the historic Emmett House from 843 Ralston Avenue to 1000 O’Neil. Ralston Avenue between Sixth and El Camino Real and Sixth Avenue from Ralston to O’Neil will be closed to traffic beginning at 10 pm.

There will be parking restrictions all along the route as well as on portions of O’Neil, and Sixth south of O’Neil. Ralston Avenue will be reopened to through traffic shortly after the house has made the turn onto Sixth Avenue. The entire move is estimated to take approximately one hour.

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1/16/2008 Lunch with Belmont's Mayor

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January 15, 2008

CONTACT: Joni Stallings (650) 595-7408

Lunch with Belmont's Mayor!

Belmont, CA – Warren Lieberman, Mayor of the City of Belmont, is planning to have monthly lunches with interested community members. As the theme of Mayor Lieberman's term is "Year of the Community," these lunches are designed to touch base with and hear from various residents and business community members. The lunches will be paid for by the individuals who attend, and will be held at various Belmont restaurants. So the Mayor can focus on each attendee, the lunches will be limited to the first 6-8 interested community members to respond each month.

[The first lunch will be held at Vivace's Restaurant on Monday, February 11th. Vivace's is located at 1910 Ralston Ave.](#) in Belmont. "I want to hear what our residents and businesses have to say," said Mayor Lieberman. "This community is very important to me, and I want to be available to listen."

Reservations are mandatory. Anyone interested in attending one of these lunches, or for more information, please call Joni Stallings in the Belmont City Manager's office at 650-595-7408.

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1/18/2008 4th Annual Indoor Flea Market in Belmont

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 18, 2008

CONTACT: Mary Doherty – 595-7439

4th Annual Indoor Flea Market in Belmont

Belmont, CA - Unique shopping alert! The 4th 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 Sunday, January 27th, unique this year to be on Sunday. Buyers mark your calendars for this FREE and not-to-be-missed event! It's like going to 50 garage sales under one roof; and you never know what you'll find. "It's always a great opportunity to find a treasure" says regular Flea Market attendee, Karen Leonoudakis.

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! So, you get to feel good about any purchases you make! Come on down to beautiful Twin Pines Park on SUNDAY, January 27th... Shop some, and then enjoy our lovely park.

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

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1/28/2008 Deadline Extended for Commission Openings

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January 28, 2008

CONTACT: Terri Cook – (650) 595-7413

Deadline Extended for Commission Openings

Belmont, CA -- In order to create a larger pool of candidates for some of its Commissions, the City of Belmont has extended the deadline to Friday, February 15, 2008, at 5:00 P.M to apply for Planning, Parks and Recreation Youth seats (only), and Finance Commissions. The application form is available on the City's website: 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 is a sufficient pool for the Parks and Recreation Adult seats, so that deadline has not been extended.

"The City Council has received new applications for most of the commissions, but some incumbents are not seeking reappointment, and there is a vacancy in the Planning and Finance Commissions, so having a sufficient pool of qualified candidates from which the Council can choose is important," stated City Clerk Terri Cook. "The Council concurrently recruited for its newly-created 'Citizens Green Task Force', which may have drawn candidates away from its Commissions." It should be noted that there were a number of candidates for the Green Committee, and that application period is closed.

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 in an interactive format on the website (www.belmont.gov) 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 15. Applicants must live in Belmont.

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

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1/29/2008 Father Daughter Sweetheart Dance - Friday, February 8, 2008

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 28, 2008
7441

CONTACT: Park and Recreation Dept. (650) 595-

Belmont Parks & Recreation to present the Father Daughter Sweetheart Dance

Friday, February 8th, 2008

Belmont, CA--The Belmont Parks & Recreation Department is proud to present the Father Daughter Sweetheart Dance on Friday, February 8th from 7pm-9pm at The Senior & Community Center of Twin Pines Park.

This dance is for young ladies, three to eighteen years old, and the man of their life. This great opportunity allows dads to treat their little valentine to a semi-formal night of dancing and fun. Snacks, desserts and beverages will be provided throughout the evening.

Tickets are only \$15 per couple and \$7.00 for each additional daughter. You can register online at [www.belmont.gov/Parks & Recreation/online registration](http://www.belmont.gov/Parks%20&%20Recreation/online%20registration).

Professional photographs & corsages will be available for an additional fee.

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

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2/11/2008 Lunch with Belmont's Mayor

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February 11, 2008

CONTACT: Joni Stallings (650) 595-7408

Lunch with Belmont's Mayor!

Belmont, CA – Warren Lieberman, Mayor of the City of Belmont, is having monthly lunches with interested community members. As the theme of Mayor Lieberman's term is "Year of the Community," these lunches are designed to touch base with and hear from various residents and business community members. The lunches will be paid for by the individuals who attend, and will be held at various Belmont restaurants. So the Mayor can focus on each attendee, the lunches will be limited to the first 6-8 interested community members to respond each month.

The March lunch will be held at Caprino's Restaurant on Monday, March 10th. Caprino's is located at the corner of Ralston and Sixth Avenues in Belmont. "I want to hear what our residents and businesses have to say," said Mayor Lieberman. "This community is very important to me, and I want to be available to listen."

Reservations are mandatory. Anyone interested in attending the March lunch, or for more information, please call Joni Stallings in the Belmont City Manager's office at 650-595-7408.

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2/12/2008 1st Annual Twin Pines Spring Crafts Faire

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 12, 2008

CONTACT: Parks & Recreation Dept. (650) 595-7441

1st Annual Twin Pines Spring Craft Faire

Belmont, CA –

Join us for our 1st annual Twin Pines Spring Craft Faire, Saturday, March 8, from 10am-4pm. The Faire will be located in Twin Pines Park, 30 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. Free admission!

The Twin Pines Spring Craft Faire will feature local crafts persons offering a wide selection of gifts and decorations. There will also be refreshments and for your shopping convenience, a supervised children's activity room. The atmosphere of Twin Pines Park makes this one of the most charming places in the community for such an event. For further information please call the Belmont Parks and Recreation Department at 595-7441.

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2/13/2008 Annual State of the City Event

NEWS

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February 13, 2008

CONTACT: Jack Crist – (650) 595-7408

Annual State of the City Event Set for March 14

Belmont, CA --

Mayor Warren Lieberman will present his State of the City Address on Friday, March 14 at Ralston Hall, Notre Dame de Namur University, 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 \$55 per person. The community is invited. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Chamber of Commerce at 595-8696 by Wednesday, March 5.

Mayor Lieberman's presentation will have a theme titled "*Belmont: The Year of the Community.*" "Civic spirit is very much alive and prospering in Belmont" stated Mayor Lieberman. "With the support of the community, we are in the midst of several efforts that will make Belmont an even more desirable place in which to live and conduct business."

Space is limited. You may place your reservation by emailing the Belmont Chamber of Commerce at execdirector@belmontchamber.org.

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3/4/2008 Fatal Traffic Collision

BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

Pursuant to California Government Code § 6254(f)

Type of Incident: Fatal Traffic Collision
Case #: 0803-0029

Location: 1300 Block Ralston Ave
Date: 3/4/08 Time: 6:54 PM

EVENT

Belmont PD officers are currently investigating a fatal traffic collision that occurred tonight in the 1300 block of Ralston Ave. The investigation is ongoing, but the following is known at this time:

A motorcycle ridden by a male driver collided with a car while traveling on Ralston Ave. The motorcyclist suffered severe injuries and died at the scene. The cause of the collision is currently under investigation. The identity of the motorcyclist is being withheld pending further investigation by the San Mateo County Coroner's Office. The driver of the car is cooperating with investigators.

Traffic on Ralston Ave has been shut down completely between South Rd and Chula Vista. This road closure will remain in place late into the night. Ralston Ave is not expected to be open until after midnight.

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

By: Capt. Dan DeSmidt
Authorized By: Chief Don Mattei

Date: 3/4/08 Time: 2045 hrs
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 19, 2008

CONTACT: Carlos de Melo (650) 595-7440

Belmont Appoints 20 for “Green” Advisory Committee

Belmont, CA -- After an overwhelming response to the formation of the new “Green Advisory Committee” the City Council of the City of Belmont has appointed 20 residents to serve on the committee. The Committee is formed of 11 community at-large members to serve alongside nine other representatives from various governmental and civic organizations.

Community members selected to serve on the committee are: Hartley Laughead, Stephen Kelley, Stephen Niksa, Dianne Keogh, Justin Hagler, Michael Swire, Risa Horowitz, Kelsi Perttula, Courtney Carreras, Robert Ledoux, and Adam Sevim. The rest of the committee is comprised of two City Council members, William Dickenson and Christine Wozniak, Planning Commissioner Rick Frautschi, Parks and Recreation Commissioner (TBD), Finance Commissioner Marcie Dompier, Neighborhood Association representatives Pierre St. Hilaire and Krista Kuehnhackl, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Vicki Padelford, and Sustainable San Mateo County representative Gladwyn D’Souza.

The Green Advisory Committee will formulate ideas to enhance the City’s efforts towards environmental sustainability. The Committee will provide valuable input and support the City’s action toward meeting/promoting:

- **Energy efficiency and conservation**
- **Green Building Construction**
- **Waste reduction and recycling**
- **Climate-friendly purchasing**
- **Alternative energy and low-carbon fuels**
- **Sustainable land use and smart growth**

- **Individual and community action**
- **Tree Planting**

The Green Advisory Committee 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. “We received a great pool of Committee applicants” said City Manager Jack Crist. “The City of Belmont and the City Council takes environmental issues very seriously.”

For more information about this committee, contact Carlos de Melo, Community Development Director at 650-595-7440.

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3/25/2008 April Lunch with Belmont Mayor

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 25, 2008

CONTACT: Joni Stallings (650) 595-7408

April Lunch with Belmont's Mayor!

Belmont, CA – Warren Lieberman, Mayor of the City of Belmont, has been having monthly lunches with interested community members. As the theme of Mayor Lieberman's term is "Year of the Community," these lunches are designed to touch base with and hear from various residents and business community members. The lunches are paid for by the individuals who attend, and will be held at various Belmont restaurants. So the Mayor can focus on each attendee, the lunches will be limited to the first 6-8 interested community members to respond each month.

The April lunch will be held at Chez Saigon Restaurant on Thursday, April 10th.

Chez Saigon is located at 1316 El Camino Real in Belmont. "I want to hear what our residents and businesses have to say," said Mayor Lieberman. "This community is very important to me, and I want to be available to listen."

Reservations are mandatory. Anyone interested in attending the April lunch, or for more information, please call Joni Stallings in the Belmont City Manager's office at 650-595-7408.

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3/25/2008 City of Belmont Sewer Charges - UPDATE
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3/25/2008 City of Belmont Sewer Charges
(Press release not found.)

4/3/2008 Belmont Wins Finance Award Again

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 3, 2008

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 10th consecutive year Belmont has received the award.

The award is for the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007 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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April 7, 2008

CONTACT:

Lt. P. Halleran (650) 595-7400

Senior Scam Stopper Presentation to be Held

Belmont, CA -

The City of Belmont invites Senior Citizens to a Senior Scam Stopper presentation on Friday, April 11, 2008 from 9:30AM to 11:30 AM at the Belmont Senior & Community Center, 20 Twin Pines Lane, Belmont (in Twin Pines Park).

The event is sponsored by the Contractors State License Board in conjunction with the Office of State Senator Leland Yee. Admission is FREE and information on various scams targeting the senior population will be covered, including:

- Home Improvement Repair Scams
- Auto Repair Scams
- Insurance Fraud
- Financial Scams
- Telecommunications Scams
- Identify Theft
- Predatory Scams
- Current Scams and Trends

For more information contact the Office of State Senator Leland Yee at 650-340-8840

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4/11/2008 Community Meeting On Proposed Sewer Rates

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 11, 2008

CONTACT: Maureen Lennon (650) 595-7434

Community Meeting on Proposed Sewer Rates

Belmont, CA – A [Community Meeting](#) on Belmont Sewer Charges will be held on April 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Belmont Library Community Room (1110 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont, CA).

All interested Belmont residents are encouraged to attend this meeting to get all their questions answered regarding the new rate structure. The Public Hearing will then be held on May 13, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. at One Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, CA 94002 in the City Council Chambers. The City Council will conduct the public hearing on the proposed rate increase. At the time of the public hearing, the City Council will hear and consider all protests and objections concerning these matters and will consider and may adopt the increased rates and charges.

As the Belmont community moves toward solving the expensive problem of updating and maintaining our sewer system infrastructure, the City welcomes the community's participation as decisions are made toward safeguarding the community health and well-being, and to maintain local property values.

For more information, please call Maureen Lennon in the Belmont Finance Department at 650-595-7434.

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Special Community Meeting on Sewer Rates & Proposed Sewer Increases



**MONDAY, APRIL 28TH
7:00 PM**

At the Belmont Library

1110 Alameda de las Pulgas Avenue, Belmont, CA 94002

**This meeting is an opportunity for the Belmont
community to get your questions answered on sewer
rates and the proposed increased charges!!**

For questions/information, call (650) 595-7434

4/29/2008 May Lunch With The Mayor

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April 28, 2008

CONTACT: Joni Stallings (650) 595-7408

May Lunch with Belmont's Mayor!

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The May lunch will be held at Hola's Restaurant on Tuesday, May 13th. Hola's Restaurant is located at 1015 Alameda de las Pulgas, in the Carlmont Shopping Center in Belmont. "I want to hear what our residents and businesses have to say," said Mayor Lieberman. "This community is very important to me, and I want to be available to listen."

Reservations are mandatory. Anyone interested in attending the May lunch, or for more information, please call Joni Stallings in the Belmont City Manager's office at 650-595-7408.

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Monthly Lunch Meetings with Belmont's Mayor Warren Lieberman!

May Monthly Lunch will be held on:
Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Where:

Hola's Restaurant

1015 Alameda de las Pulgas

Belmont, CA 94002



Time:

12:00 noon (*Lunch is paid for individually*)



***Lunch is limited to the first
6-8 community members to call.
Please call for reservations or more information***

Joni Stallings

650-595-7408

jonis@belmont.gov

5/6/2008 Sudden Oak Death - A Community Meeting

California Oak Mortality Task Force

News Advisory

SUDDEN OAK DEATH IN SAN MATEO COUNTY:

A COMMUNITY MEETING

Date: May 22, 2008

**Contact: Katie Palmieri
Public Information Officer
(510) 847-5482**

BELMONT--A Sudden Oak Death (SOD) community meeting will be held at the Belmonts' City Hall. A cooperative venture of the City of Belmont, San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner, University of California, California Oak Mortality Task Force (COMTF), and USDA Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station, the workshop is intended to provide disease information, preventative treatment options, and information on how to remove and dispose of infested material properly. There will also be an open panel discussion during which community members can ask questions, express their concerns, and brainstorm options for proactive community activities and management strategies.

When: Thursday, May 22, 2008

7:00 – 9:00pm

Where: City Hall, Council Chambers

1 Twin Pines Lane

Belmont, CA. 94002

“The greatest advantage we have against this aggressive pathogen is our capacity to work together. Through community meetings such as these, we can empower residents with the necessary tools to take action as individuals while also emphasizing the importance of a collaborative community response to this county-wide problem,” said Mark Stanley, COMTF chairman.

Caused by the plant pathogen *Phytophthora ramorum*, Sudden Oak Death is severely impacting woodlands throughout San Mateo County. Since the 1990s, *P. ramorum* has killed more than a million oak and tanoak trees in California.

For more information on the meeting, contact Daniel Ourtiague at (650) 595-7441 or dourtiague@belmont.gov. For more information on Sudden Oak Death and *P. ramorum*, contact Katie Palmieri at palmieri@nature.berkeley.edu or go to the COMTF website at www.suddenoakdeath.org.

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SUDDEN OAK DEATH/PHYTOPHTHORA RAMORUM

COMMUNITY INFORMATIONAL MEETING

May 22, 2008

7:00 – 9:00 PM

Belmont City Hall, Council Chambers

1 Twin Pines Lane

Belmont, CA.

94002

Agenda

7:00 – 7:05 PM Welcome – Purpose, Goals, and Format of Meeting

Daniel Ourtiague, City of Belmont

7:05 – 7:25 PM Disease Background and Current Status Statewide

Katie Palmieri, CA Oak Mortality Task Force (COMTF)

7:25 – 7:50 PM Best Management Practices and Treatment Options

Mark Stanley, COMTF

7:50 – 8:00 PM Current Status of *P. ramorum* in San Mateo County

Ronald Pummer, San Mateo County

8:00 – 9:00 PM Questions and Answers

9:00 PM Meeting Adjourned

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5/7/2008 Belmont Spring Garden Faire “Growing and Going Green”

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 7, 2008

CONTACT: Mary Doherty,
Park & Rec. Supvr., 650 595-7439, mdoherty@belmont.gov
Or, Diane Griest, Ph.D., 650 346-4321, dianegriest@comcast.net

Belmont, CA – Get ready for Spring! Bring the entire family to the **Belmont Spring Garden Faire**, Saturday, May 17th, from 10a.m. to 3p.m. at Twin Pines Park (6th Avenue and Ralston Avenue) in Belmont.

Enjoy a fun-filled day with exhibit booths, activities and demonstrations. Learn essential gardening tips, planting ideas, and get suggestions for enhancing your landscaping and curbside appeal for your home and business. Talk to experts, such as the Green Building Exchange, who will be doing informative demonstrations on gardening topics, eco-friendly products and wellness. Ride the free van shuttle to see the winners of the *Beautify Belmont Awards Program* home sites. Try out a Segway (if you're over 16)! Bring the kids for fun activities designed just for them. Bring your plants to swap, paper to shred, and small fluorescents to recycle. Visit the Police mobile command center. Bring your appetites and enjoy the food at the Chamber of Commerce Bar-b-cue. There is something for everyone!

Activities for all:

- Exhibitors and educational demonstrations
- Chair massage
- Give-aways and hourly prizes
- Community-sponsored Planter Auctions
- Free Van Shuttle to view *Beautify Belmont* Award Winners
- New Eco-products and “green” ideas
- Recycling and free paper shredding
- Bar-b-cue and beverages
- Super Kid’s Bounce House – free!
- Kids Coloring Contest
- 4-H planting station for children
- Plant swap – bring yours to trade!

At the Faire, you will be inspired by ideas from local exhibitors and industry experts that will guide you into ‘going greener’ and Springtime. “It’s great to see the Belmont Community coming together to share their talents, products and services,” said Celeste Love Pagan, Chair of the Belmont Spring Garden Faire Committee. “It’ll be a great day in the park for family fun!”

Admission is free. Come to Twin Pines Park just off 6th and Ralston Avenues, use the drive thru drop-off for the family, then park for free at the nearby CalTrain station at 955 El Camino, Belmont. For questions call: 650 595-7441, Park & Recreation Department, Belmont. See you at the Faire!

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5/28/2008 Magic Night

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

May 28, 2008

CONTACT: Parks & Recreation Dept. (650) 595-7441

Belmont, CA –

Join us for a fun filled night with Magic Mike, star of Magic Mike's Funhouse television show on Friday, June 20, 2008 from 6:00-8:00pm at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center, 20 Twin Pines Lane, Belmont.

This community event will feature Mountain Mike's pizza, salad and dessert. Following dinner you can sit back and relax with your family and enjoy the show---which promises to amaze and amuse young and old alike. The cost is \$8 for children and seniors and \$10 for adults.

Register early - Space Is Limited! Walk-in registration is held at the Belmont Park & Recreation Office, 30 Twin Pines Lane, inside Twin Pines Park. You may also register online at www.belmont.gov, following the Parks & Recreation link. Any questions call 595-7441.

Proceeds benefit Senior Services.

Sponsored in part by the Redwood Shores Lion's Club.

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6/5/2008 Bank Robbery Suspect Photos

Type of Incident: Bank Robbery
Location: US Bank – 910 Ralston Ave

Case #: 0806-0035
Date: 6/5/08 Time: 1129 hrs

[PRESS RELEASE: Bank Robbery](#)



6/5/2008 Bank Robbery - US Bank

PRESS RELEASE

Pursuant to California Government Code § 6254(f)

Type of Incident: Bank Robbery **Case #:** 0806-0035
Location: US Bank – 910 Ralston Ave **Date:** 6/5/08 **Time:** 1129 hrs

EVENT

This morning Belmont PD officers were called to the US Bank on Ralston Ave on the report of a robbery that had just occurred. Bank employees described a middle-age African American woman wearing a sun hat and sunglasses. The suspect entered the bank alone, approached a teller, and demanded money. After receiving an amount of cash, the suspect fled on foot. It is believed that she made her getaway in a vehicle, as a small portion of the stolen cash was recovered by officers on the southbound onramp to Highway 101 from Ralston Ave just minutes later.

Belmont PD investigators are working with the FBI to develop additional leads. The suspect description is comparable to that of a woman who committed a similar crime in Burlingame on May 13, 2008. Investigators will work together to further investigate that connection.

A [photograph of the suspect, taken from surveillance cameras](#) today, will be made available this afternoon at www.belmont.gov by clicking “Press Releases”.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact Belmont PD investigators at (650) 595-7400.

By: Capt. Dan DeSmidt

Date: 6/5/08 Time: 1430 hrs

6/17/2008 Lunch with Mayor of Belmont

Monthly Lunch Meetings with Belmont's Mayor Warren Lieberman!

July Monthly Lunch will be held on:

Tuesday, July 16, 2008

Where:

Shalizaar Restaurant

300 El Camino Real

Belmont, CA 94002



Time:

12:00 noon (*Lunch is paid for individually*)



***Lunch is limited to the first
6-8 community members to call.
Please call for reservations or more information***

Joni Stallings

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6/23/2008 Information Services Director Named

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 23, 2008

CONTACT: Jack Crist - (650)595-7408

Valerie Harnish Named Information Services Director

Belmont, CA --

City Manager Jack Crist announced this week that he has named Valerie Harnish as the permanent Information Services Director for the City of Belmont. This appointment creates a new Department for Belmont, for which Harnish will be at the helm.

Harnish was hired as Information Services Manager in 1997, and has been serving in that capacity since then. Harnish worked for the Belmont Police Department prior to 1997 in several capacities including 911 Dispatcher and Network Administrator for the Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System.

"Valerie is the right person for the job," said City Manager Crist. "She has always impressed me with her knowledge and professionalism," Crist added.

City Manager Crist appointed Harnish to the position effective July 1st.

"I am very excited to be able to serve the City of Belmont in this new capacity," said Harnish. "We have a great team of dedicated employees as well as many important projects underway," she continued.

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6/26/2008 Traffic Collision - 1600 Blk. of El Camino Real

BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE
Pursuant to California Government Code § 6254(f)

Type of Incident: Traffic Collision Case #: 0806-0187

Location: 1600 Block El Camino Real Date: 6/26/08 Time: 8:33 PM

EVENT

Belmont PD officers are currently investigating a traffic collision involving serious injuries that occurred tonight in the 1600 block of El Camino Real. The investigation is ongoing, but the following is known at this time:

A white Lexus driven southbound on El Camino Real by a male driver collided with a white van at the intersection of 5th Ave. The cause of the collision is currently under investigation, but some witnesses have indicated that the Lexus may have been involved in a street race prior to the collision. Investigators are gathering evidence to support that theory, and if so criminal charges may be filed upon completion of the investigation.

A passenger in the van was seriously injured in the collision. He was transported to the Stanford Hospital where he is being treated.

Traffic on El Camino Real has been shut down southbound between Harbor Blvd and the San Carlos boarder. This road closure will remain in place late into the night.

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

By: Capt. Dan DeSmidt

Date: 6/27/08 Time: 0130 hrs

7/1/2008 Jonathan Gervais named Parks and Recreation Director

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 1, 2008

CONTACT: Jack Crist – (650) 595-7408

Jonathan Gervais named Parks and Recreation Director

Belmont, CA --

City Manager Jack Crist announced today that he has appointed Jonathan Gervais as the new Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Belmont. “Jonathan has a unique Parks background, centered around environmental planning,” said Crist. “He will be a ‘Green’ Parks & Recreation visionary that will lead the City's department in an enlightened direction.”

Jonathan is a Belmont resident and has a BA from UC Santa Cruz. Since 2000, he has served the National Park Service in a variety of roles including an environmental planner, senior project manager, public affairs officer, construction program manager and interpretation division manager. Prior to that, he worked for an environmental consulting firm, as a project manager and team leader. Jonathan has also served the City of Belmont on our Parks & Recreation Commission as well as the Green Advisory Committee. Jonathan completed a very rigorous recruitment process and emerged as the ideal candidate and best fit for Belmont.

Mr. Gervais is enthused about the opportunity. “Belmont is blessed with a small town ambiance, natural beauty, and a rich history,” Gervais said. “To have the opportunity to manage the Belmont Parks and Recreation Department and live in the community is a great privilege. I look forward to working with the fine staff and dedicated park partners to improve the recreation programs and park facilities.”

“Jonathan has an impressive depth of knowledge about many Parks & Recreation topics including landscape, park planning and facilities. These are skills that will be well utilized during the planning of Semeria and Davey Glen Parks,” said City Manager Jack Crist. Crist appointed Jonathan Gervais to the position effective August 11, 2008.

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7/7/2008 Corazon Dino named Human Resources Director

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 7, 2008

CONTACT: Jack Crist – (650) 595-7408

Belmont, CA --

City Manager Jack Crist announced today that he has appointed Corazon M. Dino, M.P.A. as the City's new Human Resources Director for the City of Belmont. "I was very impressed with her experience and background, high standards and leadership qualities," said Crist. "We are very excited to have her join the City team and are confident she will make a positive contribution to Belmont."

Cora has 19 years of solid Human Resources experience, eleven years of which are in the government sector. She possesses a Masters of Public Administration degree from the University of San Francisco and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, emphasis in Human Resources Management from SFSU. She comes to the City of Belmont from the City and County of San Francisco, Airport Commission as Human Resources Manager where she managed the recruitment and selection; labor and employee relations; classification; compensation; and training and development functions for various divisions/sections.

Ms. Dino is enthused about the opportunity and "is looking forward to joining and working with the City of Belmont's management team, serving our employees and citizens and making positive improvements consistent with the City's initiatives," Dino said. "I am honored to have been selected to fill this important post; and am committed to working together with my esteemed colleagues, the City Manager, the City Council, and staff to ensure the City of Belmont continues to be a wonderful place to live and work. My aim is to make the City of Belmont known as an employer of choice."

City Manager Jack Crist appointed Corazon Dino to the position effective August 4, 2008.

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7/18/2008 August Lunch with Belmont Mayor

**NEWS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

July 18, 2008

CONTACT: Joni Stallings (650) 595-7408

August Lunch with Belmont's Mayor!

Belmont, CA – Warren Lieberman, Mayor of the City of Belmont, has been having monthly lunches with interested community members. As the theme of Mayor Lieberman's term is "Year of the Community," these lunches are designed to touch base with and hear from various residents and business community members. The lunches are paid for by the individuals who attend, and will be held at various Belmont restaurants. Through July, Mayor Lieberman has met with 33 people at these monthly lunches.

"What a great idea to reach out to the community and provide an intimate yet informal forum to meet with Mayor Lieberman! It was very refreshing to get open and honest answers in an environment that facilitated communication," said attendee Ben Cardenas. "As the new President of the Belmont Chamber I look forward to participating in many of the Mayor's lunches."

The August lunch will be held at Divino's Restaurant on Thursday, August 14th. Divino's is located at 968 Ralston Avenue in Belmont. "I want to hear what our residents and businesses have to say," said Mayor Lieberman. "This community is very important to me, and I want to be available to listen."

So the Mayor can focus on each attendee, the lunches will be limited to the first 6-8 interested community members to respond each month. Reservations are mandatory. Anyone interested in attending the August lunch, or for more information, please call Joni Stallings in the Belmont City Manager's office at 650-595-7408.

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8/25/2008 September Lunch with Belmont Mayor

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 21, 2008

CONTACT: Joni Stallings (650) 595-7408

September Lunch with Belmont's Mayor!

Belmont, CA – Warren Lieberman, Mayor of the City of Belmont, has been having monthly lunches with interested community members. As the theme of Mayor Lieberman's term is "Year of the Community," these lunches are designed to touch base with and hear from various residents and business community members. The lunches are paid for by the individuals who attend, and will be held at various Belmont restaurants. Through August, Mayor Lieberman has met with 38 people at these monthly lunches.

"It is a great idea for Mayor Lieberman to reach out to the community via an open lunch forum. In this format, we have the opportunity to candidly exchange our thoughts with the Mayor," said Sirinee Tippakorn, Financial Advisor for Edward Jones. "Mayor Lieberman listened and shared with us, honest and straight forward answers. As a resident and business owner in Belmont, I appreciate his efforts to understand and incorporate our vision to improve our town."

[The September lunch will be held at the Van's Restaurant on Thursday, September 11th](#). The Van's is located at 815 Belmont Ave. in Belmont. "I want to hear what our residents and businesses have to say," said Mayor Lieberman. "This community is very important to me, and I want to be available to listen."

So the Mayor can focus on each attendee, the lunches will be limited to the first 6-8 interested community members to respond each month. Reservations are mandatory. Anyone interested in attending the September lunch, or for more information, please call Joni Stallings in the Belmont City Manager's office at 650-595-7408.

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Monthly Lunch Meetings with Belmont's Mayor Warren Lieberman!

September Monthly Lunch will be held on:
Thursday, September 11, 2008

Where:

Van's Restaurant
815 Belmont Ave.
Belmont, CA 94002



Time:

12:00 noon (*Lunch is paid for individually*)



***Lunch is limited to the first
6-8 community members to call.
Please call for reservations or more information***

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8/27/2008

NDNU Prowler Suspect Sketch



8/27/2008 NDNU Prowler

BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

Pursuant to California Government Code § 6254(f)

Type of Incident: **Prowler**
Location: Notre Dame de Namur University
1500 Ralston Ave, Belmont

Case #: 0808-0081
Date: 08/13/08 Time: 0145hrs

EVENT

On the morning of Wednesday, August 13, 2008 a female, on the Notre Dame de Namur University campus, was awakened by a subject in her apartment. The subject fled from the apartment shortly after the victim awoke. The victim immediately contacted the NDNU Department of Public Safety who notified Belmont PD. The victim was not injured during the incident and the suspect's motives are not clear. There was no indication of forced entry to the victim's apartment and nothing appears to have been taken from the apartment. The incident occurred prior to the start of the fall semester, which begins this week, however a small number of students and staff were residing on campus at the time.

The suspect is described as a light skinned male in his 20's, approx. 5' 6" tall with a thin build. He had a patch of light colored hair on his chin. The suspect was wearing a blue or black hooded pullover sweatshirt, and dark colored pants. Belmont Police have been conducting an investigation into the incident and have been able to develop a composite [sketch of the suspect](#) (attached). Investigators are asking for the public's help in identifying the suspect. The sketch can be viewed and printed at www.belmont.gov under "[Press Releases](#)" and today's date.

This appears to be an isolated incident at this time and no similar incidents have occurred recently on campus. A bulletin was put out to College & University Police / Public Safety Departments shortly after the incident was reported and no similar incidents have been found.

Anyone with information on this incident or the suspect is asked to call Belmont Police Investigations at 650-595-7400 or the Belmont Police Crime Tip Line at 650-598-3000.

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By: Captain Dan DeSmidt
Date: August 26, 2008

Authorized By: Chief Don Mattei

Hallmark Canyon Fire Bulletin

Date: 9/5/2008

Case #: 0809-0029

Author ID: Halleran

Age: 30's
Gender: Male
Height: 5-10 to 6-0
Weight: 170
Eyes: Unknown
Hair: Brown
Complexion: Medium
Race: White
Date of last contact: 9/4/08



On Thursday 9/4/08 at approx. 4:50pm, two separate fires were reported in the canyon area, on the east side of the Hallmark neighborhood. Both fires were near Wakefield Dr & Somerset Dr and the two fires each burned approx. 1/4 of an acre. No structures were involved and there were no injuries. A preliminary investigation has determined that both fires were human-caused and may have been intentionally set. The Belmont Police are asking for the publics help in this investigation.

The subject shown above was seen in the area of one of the fires. His involvement is unknown and investigators would like to talk with him. He was wearing a blue baseball cap, white t-shirt, blue shorts w/white stripes on the sides and light colored athletic shoes.

Investigators are also looking for an older model white BMW sedan, with significant damage on the driver side, which was seen leaving the area at the time of the fires. It is unknown if the subject and the vehicle are related and their involvement with the fire is unknown.

Anyone with information on these fires is asked to call the Belmont Police Department.

Belmont Police Department
Crime Tip Line (650) 598-3000

9/11/2008 Arrest in Hallmark Canyon Fire

BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

Pursuant to California Government Code § 6254(f)

Type of Incident: **Arrest in Hallmark Canyon Fire**

Case #: 0809-0029

Location of Incident: Hallmark Canyon, Belmont
4:49PM

Date: 9/4/08 Time:

EVENT

Last night, September 10, 2008, Belmont PD Investigators arrested 18 yr old Bryce Geyton, of San Mateo in connection with two fires in a wooded canyon, which occurred near Hallmark Dr last Thursday, September 4, 2008. Investigators determined that Geyton and a group of local youths were in the canyon together, when the fire was started and all indications point to this being an isolated incident. Approximately ½ an acre was burned in the two-alarm fire, before being extinguished by firefighters. No structures were damaged and there were no injuries.

Geyton was booked at Belmont PD on a charge of 452(c) of the California Penal Code – Recklessly causing a fire to forest land. The case will be submitted to the San Mateo County District Attorney for prosecution.

A joint investigation involving Belmont Police Department and Belmont – San Carlos Fire Department investigators, has been on-going since the day of the fire. Investigators from Belmont PD would like to publicly thank the residents of the Hallmark neighborhood for their strong cooperation in this case. The facts of this case came to light due directly to information gathered from residents during a police neighborhood canvass and through numerous phone tips.

Anyone with additional information on this case is asked to call the Belmont Police Department at (650) 595-7400 or the Belmont Police Crime Tip Line at (650) 598-3000.

By: Captain Dan DeSmidt
Date: 9/11/08 Time: 1100hrs

Authorized By: Captain Dan DeSmidt
Date: 9/11/08 Time: 1100hrs

9/12/2008 October Lunch with Belmont Mayor

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 12, 2008

CONTACT: Joni Stallings (650) 595-7408

October Lunch with Belmont's Mayor!

Belmont, CA – Warren Lieberman, Mayor of the City of Belmont, has been having monthly lunches with interested community members. As the theme of Mayor Lieberman's term is "Year of the Community," these lunches are designed to touch base with and hear from various residents and business community members. The lunches are paid for by the individuals who attend, and will be held at various Belmont restaurants. Through September, Mayor Lieberman has met with 44 people at these monthly lunches.

"It was great to discover that our Mayor was so accessible and open to discussion with citizens. Mayor Lieberman listened in an unbiased and non-judgmental way to all the issues the group brought up," said Betty Till, lunch attendee in August. "He helped explain some of the issues we are facing as a city and made me want to pay more attention to those issues. I have an even greater admiration for those who choose to serve in city government and who choose to represent the entire community over special interests."

The October lunch will be held at the Mossant Café on Thursday, October 16th. The Mossant Café is located at 1400 El Camino Real in Belmont. "I want to hear what our residents and businesses have to say," said Mayor Lieberman. "This community is very important to me, and I want to be available to listen."

So the Mayor can focus on each attendee, the lunches will be limited to the first 6-8 interested community members to respond each month. Reservations are mandatory. Anyone interested in attending the October lunch, or for more information, please call Joni Stallings in the Belmont City Manager's office at 650-595-7408.

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September 12, 2008

CONTACT: Valerie Harnish (650) 595-7446

Smoking Ordinance Seminar Thursday October 2, 2008

Belmont, CA –The City of Belmont adopted an ordinance in November 2007 regulating secondhand smoke.

As of January 9, 2009, smoking will be prohibited in individual units and their patio/yard areas of multi-unit, multi-story residences (apartments, condominiums, and townhouses) that share common floors and/or ceilings with at least one other such unit. Landlords will be required to insert no-smoking provisions in any new or renewed residential leases; the California Apartment Association has provided an approved form for this purpose. Landlords may designate outdoor smoking areas if they are more than 20' away from operable doors or windows used by the public. Smoking in indoor common areas of multi-unit residences was already prohibited by a prior ordinance, and the new ordinance continued that prohibition.

The City of Belmont will hold an open public meeting to discuss how the new ordinance applies to multi-story residences for Owners, Manager and occupants. The meeting will occur on October 2, 2008 in the Belmont Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. Representatives of the City as well as other community organizations will be present to answer questions and distribute materials. Refreshments will be provided.

The ordinance and many related materials and resources can be found on the City's website at www.belmont.gov. Click on "Hot Topics" at the top of the Home Page to access these materials. Materials are also available at a kiosk in the City Hall lobby

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9/26/2008 Proposed 911 Billing Ordinance Not in Effect

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 26, 2008

CONTACT: Lt. Patrick Halleran (650) 595-7400

***BELMONT POLICE REMIND THE PUBLIC THAT
PROPOSED 911 BILLING ORDINANCE IS NOT IN EFFECT***

Belmont, CA --

In response to recent community inquires and concerns, the Belmont Police Department wants to assure the community that the proposed ordinance to impose fees on locations with an excessive amount of police responses is not in effect and is only one possible way of dealing with the issue of locations generating a high level of police / fire response. The idea for the ordinance was proposed by Belmont Vice Mayor Bill Dickenson at the September 23rd meeting of the Belmont City Council.

"It's too early for the department to take a stance on the proposal, but it does hold concerns on whether such an ordinance would deter people from calling 911", said Belmont Police Chief Donald Mattei. "We are looking into alternate methods of dealing with locations, which require frequent police service and do not want people to hesitate calling the police when they need us" Mattei added.

The ordinance will be discussed a future City Council meetings and no action will be taken on it until it has gone through the regular public hearing process, which is used for all City ordinances. The goal of the Belmont Police Department is to continue its "*Tradition of Service*" to the community.

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10/5/2008 Holiday Craft Faire

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 5, 2008

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

Holiday Craft Faire November 22-23

Belmont, CA -- The Belmont Parks and Recreation Department would like to invite you to attend the City of Belmont's annual Twin Pines Holiday Craft Faire on Saturday and Sunday, November 22 and 23. The Faire will be located in Twin Pines Park, 30 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont and will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Twin Pines Holiday Craft Faire will feature local artists and crafts persons offering a wide selection of holiday gifts. Entertainment and refreshments will be available. The atmosphere of Twin Pines Park makes this one of the most charming events of the year. Admission is free.

For further information, please call the Belmont Parks and Recreation Department at 595-7441.

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JAIL PLANNING
PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The County of San Mateo is exploring options to relieve jail overcrowding, improve incarceration programs to decrease recidivism and meet projected needs in the men's and women's facilities.

To learn more, please join representatives of the Sheriff's Office, Board of Supervisors, and County Manager's Office at three upcoming public meetings.

Wednesday, October 15

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Senior Center

2645 Alameda de las Pulgas
San Mateo

Thursday, October 16

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Central Middle School

828 Chestnut Street
San Carlos

Thursday, October 23

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

El Camino High School

1320 Mission Road
South San Francisco

Facilitated by The League of Women Voters



For more information and current updates, visit
www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/jailplanning
or call (650) 363-4153



10/16/2008 Trick or Treat on Twin Pines Lane

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 14, 2008

CONTACT: Erica Spacher – (650) 595-7447

All are invited to ‘Trick or Treat on Twin Pines Lane’

***Belmont, CA* -- Belmont Parks & Recreation Department is celebrating Halloween with a first time ever special event called 'Trick or Treat on Twin Pines Lane' on Friday, October 31st from 6-9pm at the Belmont Senior & Community Center. The evening will include all access to the Trick or Treat Lane, Carnival Game, and Spooktacular Arts & Crafts rooms, as well as yummy goodies and snacks for all to enjoy. Each guest will leave with a four by six digital photograph, which will be taken in front of the pumpkin patch. To register for the event or for more information go to www.belmont.gov or call 595-7441.**

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10/22/2008 November Lunch with Belmont Mayor

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 22, 2008

CONTACT: Joni Stallings (650) 595-7408

November Lunch with Belmont's Mayor!

Belmont, CA – Warren Lieberman, Mayor of the City of Belmont, has been having monthly lunches with interested community members. As the theme of Mayor Lieberman's term is "Year of the Community," these lunches are designed to touch base with and hear from various residents and business community members. The lunches are paid for by the individuals who attend, and will be held at various Belmont restaurants. Through October, Mayor Lieberman has met with 48 people at these monthly lunches.

"Meeting face to face with Mayor Warren Lieberman and City Manager Jack Crist over a business lunch shows me the importance the Mayor places on contact with Belmont residents and businesses," said Tim O'Brien, previous lunch attendee. "This personal contact has allowed me to report back to my fellow "Belmont Geezers" that our concerns were being addressed. We all feel a greater connection to City government after one of these meetings. I hope all our future leaders will see the importance of this personal contact."

The November lunch will be held at [Gin Mon Restaurant](#) on Tuesday, November 18th. Gin Mon is located at 1079 Alameda de las Pulgas in Belmont. "I want to hear what our residents and businesses have to say," said Mayor Lieberman. "This community is very important to me, and I want to be available to listen."

So the Mayor can focus on each attendee, the lunches will be limited to the first 6-8 interested community members to respond each month. Reservations are mandatory. Anyone interested in attending the November lunch, or for more information, please call Joni Stallings in the Belmont City Manager's office at 650-595-7408.

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10/23/2008 2nd Annual Beautify Belmont Awards Program

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 23, 2008

CONTACT: Joni Stallings – (650) 595-7408

2nd Annual Beautify Belmont Awards Program

Belmont, CA - The City of Belmont City Council proudly announce the 2nd Annual presentation of our Beautify Belmont Awards Program. This 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 2008 nominations is November 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 the December 9, 2008 City Council meeting.

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."

Congratulations again to the 2007 Award recipients - Shalizaar Restaurant, Cologne Auto Shop, John O'Neill, and Tyler Stavros! We look forward to recognizing the 2008 Award winners!

For more information on the Beautify Belmont Awards Program, or to receive a nomination form, please call the City Manager's office at 595-7408 or look on the City of Belmont website at www.belmont.gov.

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October 27, 2008

CONTACT: Terri Cook – (650) 595-7413

Joint Meeting between Belmont City Council and Belmont Parks and Recreation Commission

Belmont, CA -- Wednesday, November 5th at 7pm, there will be a joint meeting between the Belmont City Council and the Belmont Parks and Recreation Commission. The meeting will be held in City Hall and will take up interesting and exciting issues such as proposals to move ahead with the development of two new parks in Belmont, the first significant park expansion since the 1970s. In addition, the Parks and Recreation Department will report out on the strategic planning currently underway and update the community on the impact of player registration fees collected from youth sports groups.

The City invites the community to participate in the meeting and share their thoughts, feelings, and concerns about the future of Parks and Recreation in Belmont.

The joint meeting will be televised on Channel 27 and webstreamed at www.belmont.gov. When you are on the City of Belmont homepage, click on "live/archived webstreams" then click on "watch now."

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11/19/2008 Twin Pines Holiday Tree Lighting

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 19, 2008

CONTACT: Parks and Recreation (650) 595-7441

TWIN PINES HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING

Belmont –Belmont’s second annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony in Twin Pines Park will be held on Wednesday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. The 50 year old Redwood Tree stands over ninety feet tall in Belmont’s Twin Pines Park.

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. Last year the Mayor and City Council approved the funding to light this tree with energy efficient lighting.

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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11/25/2008 Belmont 13th Annual Breakfast with Santa

NEWS

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November 25, 2008

CONTACT: Mary Doherty (650) 595-7439

Belmont's 13th Annual Breakfast with Santa

Belmont, CA - The City of Belmont Parks & Recreation Department would like to invite you to participate in the 13th annual Breakfast with Santa event to be held on Saturday, December 6th 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 event will begin at 10am; doors open at 9:45am to allow kids more time to eat before the show. Children under 10 will get their picture taken with Santa, and receive a gift from him. Captain Jack Sparerib tells us "I guarantee you a delightful show". He will entertain us with his wily skills of magic, juggling and mirth. The HeartBeat dancers will give a short demonstration of their skills as well.

The week before and during the event we'll also be collecting gently used coats and jackets for men, women and children to be donated to local agencies for people in need. We also request you bring canned food for Second Harvest for distribution locally. This is our 5th year to run the "One Warm Coat" drive and canned food for the Second Harvest food collection.

For more information on these events, check out our website, 'www.belmont.gov', Parks and Recreation, 'On-line registration' or call the Belmont Parks & Recreation Department at 650-595-7441.

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12/8/2008 Belmont City Hall Holiday Closure

Notice

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 8, 2008

CONTACT: Jack Crist – (650) 595-7408

BELMONT CITY HALL TO CLOSE

Belmont, CA -- City administrative offices will be closed from December 25, 2008 through January 2, 2009.

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 and Fire Departments will be fully operational. Call 9-1-1 for Police or Fire emergencies.

Park and Public Works crews will be on duty. Call 595-7400 for Park or Public Works emergencies.

For other police matters, or emergency contact information for other City Hall departments, call 595-7400.

For other fire matters, call 802-4295. The Belmont Senior and Community Center will be closed during this period, and the Belmont Community Learning Center (child care) will remain open on its regular holiday schedule.

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12/12/2008 Belmont Named a Tree City USA Community

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

December 12, 2008

CONTACT: Daniel Ourtiague (650) 595-7442

Belmont, CA. has been named a Tree City USA community by the Arbor Day Foundation to honor its commitment to community forestry.

It is the second year Belmont has received this national recognition.

"The City of Belmont is very honored by this recognition," said Mayor David Braunstein. "Belmont cherishes its trees and the residents care deeply about preserving them for future generations. The City will continue to support the planting of new trees and the maintenance of established trees for the benefit of the community."

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

Belmont has met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: having a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

Communities that receive Tree City USA recognition not only have taken the time to meet these four standards, they recognize that:

- Trees promote healthier communities. Leaves filter the air we breathe by removing dust and other particles.
- Trees moderate climate, conserve water and provide habitat for wildlife.
- Trees in urban areas reduce the heat island effect caused by pavement and buildings.
- Properly placed trees can increase property values, and buildings in wooded areas rent more quickly and tenants stay longer.

"A community, its elected officials and its citizens that provide needed care for its trees deserves recognition and thanks," said John Rosenow, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees are a vital component of the infrastructure in our cities and towns, and they also provide environmental and economical benefits. Cities that are recognized with a Tree City USA designation go to great lengths to plant and care for the community forest."

More information about Tree City USA can be found at www.arborday.org/TreeCityUSA

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12/16/2008 Vehicle Burglary Suspect

BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

Pursuant to California Government Code § 6254(f)

Type of Incident: Vehicle Burglaries

Case #: 0812-0141

Location: El Camino Real, Belmont

Date: 12/16/08

Time: 2:35 pm

EVENT

This afternoon Belmont Police officers received reports of two vehicle burglaries that just occurred. Officers checking the area noticed a white Lincoln Town Car in the area. A similar vehicle had been associated with similar burglaries in Belmont this month. Those officers attempted to stop the Lincoln on Ralston Ave. The driver of the Lincoln refused to stop and led officers on a short vehicle pursuit into Redwood City. The pursuit ended when the driver crashed his Lincoln on Veterans Blvd at Whipple. The driver then fled on foot and was not captured. There were no injuries reported.

There is reason to believe that the outstanding suspect may be linked to the recent string of vehicle burglaries in the area. He is described as a Hispanic male adult. The investigation into the suspect's identity is ongoing. Anyone with information on this case is asked to call the Belmont Police Department at 650-595-7400.

By: Sgt. Roy Digneo

Authorized By: Capt. Dan DeSmidt

Date: 12/16/08 Time: 1730 hrs

Date: 12/16/08 Time: 1745