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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 30, 2009, 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 three openings on the Planning Commission for three-year terms expiring March 1, 2012. 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, 2011. The Parks and Recreation Commission meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 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, 2010. Youth members are full voting members of the Commission.

There is one opening and one vacancy on the Finance Commission for a three-year term expiring March 1, 2012. 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, 2009. Applicants must live in Belmont. Except for a small stipend paid to Planning Commissioners, there is no compensation for these positions. 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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January 7, 2009

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

5th Annual Winter Indoor Flea Market

Belmont, CA - Unique shopping alert! The 5th annual Winter Indoor Flea Market at Twin Pines Senior and Community Center, 20 Twin Pines Lane 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 24th. 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. Meet up with friends and neighbors while acquiring deals you won’t believe. “It’s always a great opportunity to find a treasure” says regular Flea Market attendee, Karen Leonoudakis.

You also get to benefit our environment, as we recycle one man’s ‘trash’ into another man’s treasure, rather than going to the landfill! So, you get to feel good about any purchases you make. Come on down to beautiful Twin Pines Park on Saturday, January 24th... Shop some, and then enjoy our lovely park.

Sellers get to clear out their gently used items at a reasonable price and acquire new goodies themselves. Space is available until January 15th or sold out. Call us soon to get a space in this unique event. Get even more information at www.belmont.gov.

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

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CONTACT: Erica Spacher (650) 595-7447
espacher@belmont.gov

Belmont celebrates Earth Day 2009

Belmont, CA --
Get out the bicycle or walking shoes and join your neighbors at the City of Belmont’s first Earth Day festival on Saturday, April 25, 2009. The celebration—from 10 am to 3 pm at Barrett Community Center—is the exciting culmination to a week’s worth of energizing and inspiring community improvement projects.

The free festival is certain to be a fun-filled day for the whole family with interactive events, hands-on activities, and lively presentations that inspire attendees to reduce, reuse, recycle, and save energy and water at home, in school, and in the community. Visitors will discover how to get started composting, tips for cost-effective green remodeling, how to grow vegetables organically, the latest news in electric cars, and more, while enjoying tasty organic food. And local green businesses and nonprofit organizations will offer plenty of useful advice and valuable giveaways.

Event goers who ride their bikes or walk from home will receive a special gift. Before participants depart, they are encouraged to make a pledge to “go greener” in one aspect of their lives by filling out a leaf and hanging it on the “Commitment Tree.” Designed by artists at Barrett Community Center, the tree will remain on permanent display at the site.

The festival is part of Belmont Earth Week, April 19–25. During the week, friends, neighbors, schools, and faith groups are invited to participate in one or more community improvement projects—including a compost giveaway, e-waste recycling, invasive species plant removal, and tree planting. A complete daily schedule is available at www.Belmont.gov/earthday.

Hosted by the Belmont Parks & Recreation Department and the City of Belmont, the goal of Earth Week is to enhance the quality of life in the city and provide resources for residents to help them reduce their energy and water consumption. “One look at the wooded hills of Belmont and people realize that the community cares about sustaining and nurturing this place we call home,” says Jonathan Gervais, Belmont Parks & Recreation Director. “These Earth Day events and activities are designed to remind, inspire, and celebrate the connection between the environment and the community of Belmont.”

Barrett Community Center is located off Ralston Avenue at 1835 Belburn Drive, between Avon St. and Academy Ave. All participants are encouraged to walk, ride a bicycle, or carpool. Limited parking will be available nearby at Notre Dame High School. For questions, or to become a sponsor or vendor during the festival (available to green businesses and nonprofit organizations), contact the Belmont Parks & Recreation Department, (650) 595-7441. For more information visit www.Belmont.gov/earthday.

Belmont’s Earth Day is sponsored by Provident Credit Union & Norcal Waste Systems, Inc.
Belmont Seeks Residents for Commission Openings

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 23, 2009

CONTACT: Terri Cook – (650) 595-7413

Belmont Seeks Residents for Commission Openings

Belmont, CA—The deadline is fast approaching for application to one of Belmont’s commissions. If you are interested in serving on the Planning, Parks and Recreation (both adult and youth seats available), or Finance Commission, the deadline is 5:00 P.M. Friday, January 30, 2009. 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.

“This is the perfect opportunity to take advantage of newly-inaugurated President Obama’s call to serve and to be involved” said City Clerk Cook. "Serving on a city commission is grass roots at its best.”

Planning Commissioners serve three years, and the 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.

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For more information, contact the City Clerk’s Office at 650-595-7413.
Monthly Lunch Meetings with Belmont’s Mayor David Braunstein!

November Monthly Lunch will be held on:
Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Where:
Gin Mon Restaurant
1079 Alameda de las Pulgas
Belmont, CA 94002

Time:
12:30 p.m. (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
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
February 6, 2009
CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444

Community Square Dances

Belmont, CA –

Join us for Square Dancing, Wednesday, February 11 and March 11, 2009 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The Square Dances will be located in the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center, 30 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. Only $5.00 admission payable at the door.

Square Dancing is friendship set to music and is great exercise for the body and mind. The Community Square Dances are for all ages from 5 to 100+. No experience, partner or special clothing needed.

Bring your friends and your family and come meet new people for a fun outing. For further information please call the Belmont Senior & Community Center at 595-7444.

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

Annual Twin Pines Spring Craft Faire

Belmont, CA –
Annual Twin Pines Spring Craft Faire is Saturday, March 21, from 10am–4pm. The Faire will be located in Twin Pines Park, 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont.
Free admission!

The Twin Pines Spring Craft Faire will feature local crafts persons offering a wide selection of handmade gifts, home décor items, jewelry, accessories and much more! There will also be entertainment and refreshments. Join us among the pines for one of our most charming events. For further information please call the Belmont Parks and Recreation Department at 595-7441.

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PRESS RELEASE

Pursuant to California Government Code § 6254(f)

Type of Incident: Indecent Exposure
Case #: 0903-0003

Location: 1000 Blk. Of Continentals Way
Date: 3/1/09  Time:  1820

The Belmont Police Department is investigating a case of Indecent Exposure. On 3/1/09 at 1820 Hrs. the Belmont Police received a call from a female victim who reported that a male subject wearing a ski mask exposed himself to the victim while in a parking garage in the 1000 block of Continentals Way. The victim was holding her car keys during this time and attempted to activate the remote vehicle alarm, when the suspect took the keys from her hand and fled the scene. The suspect in this case described as a white or Hispanic male, approximately 5’5, medium build wearing a black ski mask.

This incident is the third in what we believe to be three related Indecent Exposure cases reported to the Belmont Police Department. The first case was reported on 1/20/09 at 1945 Hrs. when a female victim reported that she was waiting for an elevator in the lobby of an apartment complex in the 1000 Blk. of Continentals way. While waiting at the elevator, a male subject dressed in dark clothing, wearing a black beanie knocked on the window to the lobby and exposed himself to her.

The second case occurred in the carport in the 1100 block of Village drive on 2/20/09 at approximately 2040 Hrs. During this incident, the female victim had just parked her vehicle in the carport, when she observed a subject she described as a white male 18-25 years old wearing a black hooded sweatshirt and dark pants, exposing himself to her.

In all of these cases, the area was checked for the suspect with negative results. We ask that the residents in this area be extra mindful when entering or exiting their apartment complexes and to notify the Belmont Police Department if they observe suspicious activity.

Due to the proximity of these three incidents, the Belmont Police Department will be conducting neighborhood outreach and follow-up in the coming days. Anyone with information on these cases is asked to call the Belmont Police Department Investigators at (650) 595-7400 or use the anonymous tip line at (650) 598-3000.

By: Lt. Kevin Daley
Date: 3/3/09  Time:  1425 Hrs.

Authorized By: Capt. Dan DeSmidt
Date: 3/3/09  Time:  1430 Hrs.
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CONTACT: Parks & Recreation Dept.
(650) 595-7444

St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon

Belmont, CA –

Twin Pines Senior and Community Center is holding a St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon on Tuesday, March 17th at 11:30 am. Traditional corned beef lunch and entertainment. The event will be located at the Center - 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. Suggested donation for seniors over 60 is $3.00. 60 and under is $6.00 each. Phone (650) 595-7444 for reservations.

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Volunteers Needed

Belmont, CA –

Twin Pines Senior and Community Center is seeking volunteers to lead classes in Art, Line Dancing, WII Games or any other area of interest to our community. Any person with expertise and a willingness to share, please contact the Center at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont.

Phone (650) 595-7444.

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March Lunch with Belmont’s Mayor!

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“Community lunches provide citizens with an opportunity to meet the mayor and learn about their city,” said Mayor Braunstein. “As Mayor, I am excited to meet with residents, listen to them, and share ideas.”

The March lunch will be held at Caprinos Restaurant on Wednesday, March 18th at 12:30 p.m. Caprinos is located at 1000 6th Avenue on the Corner of 6th and Ralston Avenues in Belmont.

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 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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CONTACT: Jack Crist – (650) 595-7408

Annual State of the City Event Set for March 31

Belmont, CA --

Mayor David Braunstein will present his State of the City Address on Tuesday, March 31 at 6 p.m. in the new Carlmont Theatre, 1400 Alameda de las Pulgas in Belmont. There will be a reception immediately following the Address. The event is free, and reservations are recommended. The community is invited. If you are interested in attending, please contact Joni Stallings in the City Manager’s office by Monday, March 23 at 650.595.7408 or by email: jonis@belmont.gov.

Invitation

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PRESS RELEASE

Pursuant to California Government Code § 6254(f)

Type of Incident: Robbery
Case #: 0903-0103
Location: McDonalds – 522 El Camino Real, Belmont
Date: 3/16/09  Time: 1100 hrs

EVENT
This morning, Belmont PD officers were called to the McDonalds at 522 El Camino Real on the report of a robbery that had just occurred. Though this investigation is ongoing, the following is known at this time:

A female McDonalds employee was assaulted and robbed of the day’s bank deposits by two men. One of the men wore a ski-mask and was armed with a small handgun. He struck the woman, took the money, and fled in a green Honda Accord. Responding officers located the Honda abandoned just blocks away, and found that it had been stolen earlier in the day.

Investigators scoured the area and passed along critical suspect information to surrounding law enforcement agencies. Suspect information has been developed and investigators are following up leads.

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

By: Capt. Dan DeSmidt
Date: 3/16/09  Time: 1750 hrs
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 27, 2009

CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444

“Dance Nights”

Belmont, CA –

The Twin Pines Senior and Community Center is holding “Dance Nights” for adults on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. Live music by “The Casuals.” Come enjoy dancing to great music and meet new friends! The Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. No reservations or partner is required. Admission is $6.00. Please call (650)595-7444 for further information.

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Community Square Dance

Belmont, CA –

Join us for Square Dancing, Wednesday, April 8, 2009 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The Square Dance will be located in the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center, 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. Only $5.00 admission payable at the door.

Square Dancing is friendship set to music and is great exercise for the body and mind. The Community Square Dances are for all ages from 5 to 100+. No experience, partner or special clothing needed.

Bring your friends and your family and come meet new people for a fun outing. For further information please call the Belmont Senior & Community Center at 595-7444.

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Lifeline: A Personal Caring Connection, Emergency Alert Button

Belmont, CA –

Twin Pines Senior and Community Center is holding an informational program about “Lifeline: A Personal Caring Connection” on Thursday, April 9, 2009 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. Lifeline is an emergency alert system. If you need help at home, you can push your emergency alert button and “Lifeline” will send help at once. Learn more about this Mills-Peninsula Health Services Program. The Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. Space is limited so register early and call (650) 595-7444 for reservations. Admission is free.

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“Writer’s Workshop”

Belmont, CA –
Writers wanted! Twin Pines Senior and Community Center is forming a Writer’s Workshop and wants your input. Come and share your scribe with other writer’s for critique and help while sharing your passion for writing. Call (650) 595-7444 and leave us your name and phone number. We will let you know when the first group reading will be held.

The Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane.

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“Musical Moments”

Belmont, CA – Twin Pines Senior and Community Center is offering a “Musical Moments” class for adults that will explore how music relates to the world and the historical perspective. Investigate the world of music with Instructor, Tina Baird; a variety of media will be used to explore different types of music. The class is every Wednesday, April 14 to June 24, 2009 from 10-11:30am.

Please see the Instructor at the first class for Class Registration. The fee of $30.00 is payable to the instructor at the first class. This class is offered in cooperation with Sequoia Adult Education.

The Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane. For information call the Center at: (650) 595-7444

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The April lunch will be held at Divino’s Restaurant on Wednesday, April 22nd at 12:30 p.m. Divino’s is located at 968 Ralston Ave. in Belmont. 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 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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Belmont celebrates Earth Day 2009

Belmont, CA --

Get out the bicycle or walking shoes and join your neighbors at the City of Belmont’s first Earth Day festival on Saturday, April 25, 2009. The celebration—from 10 am to 3 pm at Barrett Community Center—is the exciting culmination to a week’s worth of energizing and inspiring community improvement projects.

The free festival is certain to be a fun-filled day for the whole family with interactive events, hands-on activities, and lively presentations that inspire attendees to reduce, reuse, recycle, and save energy and water at home, in school, and in the community. Visitors will discover how to get started composting, tips for cost-effective green remodeling, how to grow vegetables organically, the latest news in electric cars, and more, while enjoying tasty organic food. And local green businesses and nonprofit organizations will offer plenty of useful advice and valuable giveaways. Event goers who ride their bikes or walk from home will receive a special gift. Before participants depart, they are encouraged to make a pledge to “go greener” in one aspect of their lives by filling out a leaf and hanging it on the “Commitment Tree.” Designed by artists at Barrett Community Center, the tree will remain on permanent display at the site.

The festival is part of Belmont Earth Week, April 19–25. During the week, friends, neighbors, schools, and faith groups are invited to participate in one or more community improvement projects—including a compost giveaway, e-waste recycling, invasive species plant removal, and tree planting. A complete daily schedule is available at www.Belmont.gov/earthday.

Hosted by the Belmont Parks & Recreation Department and the City of Belmont, the goal of Earth Week is to enhance the quality of life in the city and provide resources for residents to help them reduce their energy and water consumption. “One look at the wooded hills of Belmont and people realize that the community cares about sustaining and nurturing this place we call home,” says Jonathan Gervais, Belmont Parks & Recreation Director. “These Earth Day events and activities are designed to remind, inspire, and celebrate the connection between the environment and the community of Belmont.”

Barrett Community Center is located off Ralston Avenue at 135 Belburn Drive, between Avon St. and Academy Ave. All participants are encouraged to walk, ride a bicycle, or carpool. Limited parking will be available nearby at Notre Dame High School. For questions, or to become a sponsor or vendor during the festival (available to green businesses and nonprofit organizations), contact the Belmont Parks & Recreation Department, (650) 595-7441. For more information visit www.Belmont.gov/earthday.

Belmont’s Earth Day is sponsored by Provident Credit Union & Norcal Waste Systems, Inc.
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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444

“Learn to Play Pool”

Belmont, CA –

Twin Pines Senior and Community Center is offering a beginning level pool class for adults on Fridays from 10:30 to 11:30 AM with “Open Play” from 11:30 to 12:30. Volunteer Instructor, Harold Wertenberg will help you learn the basic rules of pool and offer tips in a relaxed recreational billiard atmosphere. FREE and reservations are not needed.

The Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane. For information call the Center at: (650) 595-7444.

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CONTACT: Belmont Public Works Department (650) 595-7460

“E-WASTE RECYCLING”

Belmont, CA –
To kick off this year’s Earth Week celebrations, the City of Belmont is sponsoring an E-Waste Recycling event on Saturday, April 11 from 9am to 3pm in the City Hall Parking lot located off of Ralston Avenue in Belmont. The address is 1 Twin Pines Lane, Belmont. There will be people available to unload unwanted items including 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.

For more information about Belmont’s celebration of Earth Week please see the website at: http://www.belmont.gov/earthday/

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

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Belmont Offers Free Compost and Paper Shredding

Belmont, CA – To open this year’s earth week celebrations the City of Belmont is sponsoring a compost giveaway and paper shredding event on Sunday, April 19 from 9am to 1pm. The compost will be available in City Hall Parking lot located off Ralston Avenue and the paper shredding truck will be located on Sixth Avenue adjacent to City Hall at 1 Twin Pines Lane, Belmont.

The compost giveaway and paper shredding events are part of Belmont Earth Week, April 19–25. During the week, friends, neighbors, schools, and faith groups are invited to participate in one or more community improvement projects—graffiti removal, invasive species plant removal, and community cleanup. For more information about Belmont’s celebration of Earth week please see the website at: http://www.belmont.gov/earthday/

“These Earth Day events and activities are designed to remind, inspire, and celebrate the connection between the environment and the community of Belmont.” says Jonathan Gervais, Belmont Parks & Recreation Director.

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

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CONTACT: Belmont Parks and Recreation Department (650) 595-7441

Improving Walk Ability in Belmont

Belmont, CA –
City crews will be coming by the week of April 20-24 to trim back vegetation overhanging sidewalks and roadways along high volume streets such as Alameda de las Pulgas and Cipriani. This project is an effort to make walking and biking safer the Belmont. If more residents walk and bike, especially for the short trips to the grocery store or library, it will decrease vehicle traffic, improve air quality, and lead to greater health and wellness.

Vegetation in front of a house is the homeowners’ responsibility and this trimming does not mean the City accepts the long term maintenance. This is a demonstration event meant to inspire the community to take action to improve the ability to walk and bike around town.

Much of Belmont was designed as second homes and the planners wanted to maintain a “country feel” including winding streets without sidewalks. This legacy makes Belmont unique and gives it a small town ambience; however it also makes walking around town a challenging proposition.

On Saturday 25th, the City of Belmont is celebrating Earth day at the Barrett Community Center from 10am to 3pm. For more information about Belmont’s celebration of Earth week please see the website at:  http://www.belmont.gov/earthday/

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CONTACT: Belmont Public Works Department (650) 595-7425

Free Excess Garbage Pick Up

Belmont, CA – Continuing the earth week activities Belmont, the City is facilitating an extra garbage pick up the week of April 20-24. Allied Waste will pick up excess garbage that is put out in front of resident’s houses during the normally scheduled pick up the week of April 20-24. Clean-up material must be placed at the curb by 6:00 a.m. and all trash must be bagged, boxed, bundled (bundles should be 4 feet or less) or containerized. There is 60 pound weight limit per container, box, bundle, or bag. Yard trimmings and clean wood waste should be separated from clean-up material as it can be recycled. Prohibited materials include: motor vehicles, vehicle parts and batteries, tires, motorcycles, dirt, rock, stucco, concrete, hot ashes, animal waste, poison oak, commercial refrigerators, or toxic substances and paint.

The excess garbage pick up is part of Belmont’s Earth Week, April 19-25. During the week, friends, neighbors, schools, and faith groups are invited to participate in one or more community improvement projects — graffiti removal, invasive species plant removal, and community cleanup. For more information about Belmont’s celebration of Earth week please see the website at: http://www.belmont.gov/earthday/

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CONTACT: Jack Crist 
650-595-7408
Karen Borrmann Named Interim Public Works Director

Belmont, CA—City Manager Jack Crist has announced that he has selected Karen Borrmann as the City of Belmont’s Interim Public Works Director. Ms. Borrmann is currently the Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer for the City of Belmont and is taking over from Ray Davis who is retiring after seven years of service as the Public Works Director.

Ms. Borrmann came to us in August 2007 from the Alameda County Public Works Agency where she was a Principal Civil Engineer for six years. Prior to that, she was the Interim Deputy Director of Development Services, Supervising Civil Engineer, and Associate/Assistant Civil Engineer starting in 1985, all for Alameda County. Karen has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from University of California, Berkeley.

“Karen has done a great job for us as the Assistant Director”, said City Manager Jack Crist, “I look forward to Karen leading the Public Works Department and ensuring the residents and community continue to receive excellent service from the City.’

Ms. Borrmann will begin her interim appointment for the City of Belmont effective Wednesday, April 15, 2009. She is expected to serve as Interim Public Works Director for at least one year or until a permanent Public Works Director is named.

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BELMONT TO HOST TOWN HALL MEETING ON HIGH SPEED RAIL

BELMONT, CA -- Assemblymember Jerry Hill is hosting a Town Hall meeting on High Speed Rail, on Thursday, April 23 at 7pm, in the Belmont City Council Chambers located at One Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. This will be an opportunity for all to learn how we can participate in the High Speed Rail process in the coming years.

Representatives from the High Speed Rail Authority and Caltrain will be on hand to highlight next steps, answer questions and explain how everyone, elected officials, staff and residents, can be involved.

For more information, please contact Marc Hershman in Jerry Hill’s district office at 650-349-1900.

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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444

Senior Shuttle

Belmont, CA –
Van rides are Green! The Twin Pines Senior & Community Center Shuttle runs on natural gas. Belmont residents save on both fuel costs and consumption, by utilizing our service to bring you to the Center. The shuttle van is also wheelchair accessible. Our courteous and friendly drivers will bring you right to the front door. No need to worry about traffic or finding a parking space. The suggested donation for a round trip is $1.00. Reservations are required. For further information on the “Senior Shuttle” please call: (650) 595-7444.

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Lunch at Twin Pines

Belmont, CA –
Come join us for lunch at Twin Pines Senior & Community Center. Gather with friends and make new ones too, while enjoying a healthy lunch. Lunch is served Monday through Thursday at 11:30am. The Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. A monthly menu is available at the front desk. The suggested contribution is $3.00 for anyone 60 or over, and $6.00 if under 60. Reservations are required. For further information, please call: (650) 595-7444.

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Jazzercise Lite

Belmont, CA –
JAZZERCISE LITE is a great exercise program that meets the needs of active adults 55 and over. Similar to the original Jazzercise program, it is low impact cardio, strength and stretch training presented by Instructor Valerie Estacuy. Come join us for this fun, invigorating and non-intimidating class. JAZZERCISE LITE will be held every Monday, April 27th through June 8th (No class on 5/25) from 10am-11am at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center, located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. The fee is only $48 for Residents and $58 for Non-Residents. Online registration is available at: www.belmont.gov, Parks and Recreation. For further information, please call (650) 595-7444.

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Volunteers Needed in Belmont for Earth Week Projects

Belmont, CA –
Belmont needs community volunteers to help beautify Belmont including cleaning up parks, painting over graffiti, removing invasive plants, and assisting at the Earth day event. Volunteers can help in the following ways:

- Wednesday, April 22- Meet at the Parks and Recreation Office in Twin Pines Park to clean the creek and distribute mulch (1-4pm).
- Thursday, April 23- Meet at the trailhead to the Waterdog Lake Open Space at the corner of Lyall and Lake Road to paint over graffiti (1-3pm).
- Friday, April 24- Volunteers are needed to help remove invasive plants in Belmont’s Open Space. Meet at the trailhead to Waterdog Lake Open Space at the corner of Lyall and Lake Road (1-4pm)
- Saturday, April 25- Volunteers are needed to assist Parks and Recreation staff with greeting visitors, overseeing exhibits, and providing information.

For more information on volunteering please contact jgervais@belmont.gov. These activities are part of the earth week celebrations in Belmont culminating with an event on Saturday, April 25th, at the Barrett Community Center from 10am to 3pm.

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Event goers who ride their bikes or walk from home will receive a special gift. Before participants depart, they are encouraged to make a pledge to “go greener” in one aspect of their lives by filling out a leaf and hanging it on the “Commitment Tree.” Designed by artists at Barrett Community Center, the tree will remain on display at the site.

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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444

Line Dancing Volunteer Leader Needed

Belmont, CA –
Is Line Dancing your passion? Come share your steps! A “Line Dancing” Volunteer Leader is needed and “your presence is requested” at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center in Belmont. Dance scheduling is based on availability. If you would like to share your passion for country music and line dancing by providing volunteer instruction, please call Cheri Handley at: (650) 595-7444.

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Watercolor Painting Workshop Volunteer Needed

Belmont, CA –

Share your artistic talents with others! A Watercolor Painting Workshop Volunteer is needed at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center in Belmont. Workshop scheduling is based on availability.

For further information on how to get started in this fun and rewarding experience, please call Cheri Handley at: (650) 595-7444.

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Easy Beading

Belmont, CA – Have you always wanted to try jewelry making? Instructor, Pietie Vreman shows you how fun it can be. You will learn and create simple pieces of jewelry, one project per class. No artistic experience needed, just a willingness to have creative fun! This class will be held Thursday mornings, June 4th through June 18th from 10:00-11:30am at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center, located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. The fee is $20 for adult Residents and $24 for Non-Residents, age 50 & up.

Registration is available at the Belmont Parks & Recreation Office, 30 Twin Pines Lane or online registration is available at: www.belmont.gov, Parks and Recreation. For further information, please call (650) 595-7444.

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Cooking with Diana
Belmont, CA –
Cooking and entertaining can be fun! Caterer & Event Coordinator, Diana Pappas will show you some simple ideas. Each class will have open discussion on basic cooking and onsite food preparation. Enjoy food sampling on what is prepared! See special table-setting techniques along with basic appetizers, soups and salads, main course and easy desserts in this fun learning experience! This class will be held every Wednesday, May 13th through June 3rd from 6:00-7:30pm at the Twin Pines Lodge, located at 30 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. The fee is $65 for adult Residents and $78 for Non-Residents, age 50 & up. A lab fee of $25 is payable to the instructor at the first class.

Registration is available at the Belmont Parks & Recreation Office, 30 Twin Pines Lane or online registration is available at: www.belmont.gov, Parks and Recreation. For further information, please call (650) 595-7444.

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Beginning Bridge

Belmont, CA –
Bridge is a game for a lifetime! Beginning students of ALL AGES are welcome and will learn the basics of Contract Bridge and Bidding. Instructor, Rosemary Clawson is ACBL (American Contract Bridge League) certified and textbooks are official instruction, ACBL Club series. Hands on instruction will be featured in learning this exciting and fun game! This class will be held every Tuesday, May 5th through July 21st from 1:00-3:00pm at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center, located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. The fee is $110 for Residents and $130 for Non-Residents. A textbook fee of $20 is payable to the instructor at the first class. Registration is available at the Belmont Parks & Recreation Office, 30 Twin Pines Lane or online registration is available at: www.belmont.gov, Parks and Recreation. For further information, please call (650) 595-7444.

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May Lunch with Belmont’s Mayor!

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“Community lunches provide citizens with an opportunity to meet the mayor and learn about their city,” said Mayor Braunstein. “As Mayor, I am excited to meet with residents, listen to them, and share ideas.”

The May lunch will be held at Vivace’s Restaurant on Wednesday, May 20th at 12:30 p.m. Vivace’s is located at 1910 Ralston Ave. in Belmont.

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 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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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center
(650) 595-7444

“Welcome Coffee”

Belmont, CA –

You are welcome! A WELCOME COFFEE will be held at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center on Wednesday, May 13th at 10:00am. Information on the services, classes, clubs and special events offered at the Center will be presented. This is the perfect opportunity to get all the information you need. You will find out about wonderful activities that you will want to participate in. Phone 595-7444 for reservations.

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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center
(650) 595-7444

“Volunteer Teachers Needed”

Belmont, CA –
Teachers are needed to share their specialty. Come volunteer your time and share your knowledge at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center. Meet new people and expand your network. If you are available as an instructor, please call Cheri Handley at: (650) 595-7444.

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“Spring Tea & The Peninsula Choraliers”

Belmont, CA –

Come enjoy a light lunch and tea followed by the melodious sounds of the Peninsula Choraliers. Please join us at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center on Friday, May 22nd at 12:00 noon. The cost for this lovely spring afternoon event is just $4.00 each, payable at the door. Reservations are required. Please phone 595-7444 to reserve your party.

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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center
(650) 595-7444

“Hearts & Pinochle & More”

Belmont, CA –

“Hearts & Pinochle & More” are available at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center in Belmont. What’s your game?

Hearts & Pinochle are played Wednesdays from 12:30-3:00.
Manipulation games are held Mondays from 12:30-4:30.
Bridge is played on Thursdays from 12:30-3:30.
Poker is played on Thursdays at 12:15.
Canasta is played on Thursdays from 9:30-11:30.

Deal yourself in for fun and games at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center. Reservations not needed. For more information please call: (650) 595-7444.

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“AARP-Mature Driving Two-Day Classes”

Belmont, CA –

For Calendar:

AARP-Mature Driving Classes (formerly “55 Alive”) are back by popular demand! Refresh your knowledge of the “Rules of the Road” and get a discount on your auto insurance. To get your “Certificate of Completion,” attend the two-day class held at Twin Pines Senior & Community Center on May 21st & 22nd or on August 27th & 28th from 9am-1:30pm. There is a $10 fee for the class that is payable at the first session. To reserve your space, please call: (650) 595-7444.

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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444

“Emergency Preparedness Free Workshop”

Belmont, CA –

Learn to stay safe in an emergency! An Emergency Preparedness Free Workshop is being offered at Twin Pines Senior & Community Center on May 26th or July 28th at 10am. You will learn how to prepare for a disaster and set up a support network and keep track of important information and medications. Take home a free disaster kit with completion of the workshop! Attend either session. Call to reserve your seat at: (650) 595-7444.

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“Health Screening-Blood Glucose”

Belmont, CA –
Are you at risk for Diabetes? Find out by having a FREE Blood Glucose Level Screening at Twin Pines Senior & Community Center on Thursday, May 21st from 10:00-11:30am. For best results it is recommended to fast for four hours prior to testing. Walk-ins are welcome, no appointment needed. For further information please call: (650) 595-7444.

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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444

“Stroke Education Lecture”

Belmont, CA –

May is Stroke Awareness Month. Do you understand the issues you or your loved ones may face having a stroke? You are invited to attend a free lecture on the warning signs, risk factors, prevention and treatment of Stroke. Learn the signs to watch for from expert, Linda Cadelago, RN, FNP, and Stroke Coordinator for Sequoia Hospital. Her talk will be at Twin Pines Senior & Community Center on Tuesday, May 26th from 2:00-3:00pm. Please call: (650) 595-7444 to reserve your seat.

This event is co-sponsored with Twin Pines Senior & Community Center and Sequoia Hospital Health & Wellness Center, A member of CHW.

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CONTACT: Jack Crist – 650-595-7408

Belmont Awarded Recognition by Forbes

Belmont, CA --
The City of Belmont was recently ranked by Forbes.com as the #11 of America’s top 25 towns. The article stated Belmont’s strongest characteristic as the growing number of businesses saying that, “Belmont residents may not have as much cash on hand as their northern neighbors in Hillsborough, but there are far more businesses emerging there. Local firms have attracted $878 per capita in venture funding, and the city scores in the top quarter for its number of restaurants and bars.”

To determine the best towns in which to live well, Forbes teamed with ZoomProspector.com, a San Francisco-based consulting firm specializing in corporate relocation. Because geographical definitions range widely, they used the term "town" to describe every city, town, borough or Census-designated-place under 100,000 people.

"I am so pleased that Forbes Magazine recognizes what we in Belmont already know, Belmont is a great place to live!" said Mayor David Braunstein. "Beyond Forbes' recognition for business start ups, Belmont is a quiet town, centralized in the heart of the Bay Area, with open spaces to explore and enjoy, and a wealth of educational choices for children and adults. Belmont represents a wholesome place to live, work, and raise a family."

To rank each town, Forbes looked at median income; average commute; distance to highways and airports; per capita venture capital funding; per capita number of small businesses, sole-proprietorships and start-ups; the percentage of the population with bachelor's degrees or higher; the share of professional-level workers as defined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS); the percentage of young and educated people, or those 25-34 with a bachelor's degree or higher; and the percentage of foreign-born residents with a bachelor's degree or higher. They also measured the per capita number of restaurants, bars, museums and cultural institutions.

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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444

“Belmont History Room Tour”

Belmont, CA –

For Calendar:

Step back into time! Join us for an exciting tour of the Belmont History Room on Wednesday, May 27th at 9:30am. Belmont was just named in a Forbes Magazine article the 11th best small town in America to live well. Come see how our city began and discover its roots. You’ll be amazed at the display of artifacts, historical pieces and photos dating back to 1850. The tour will meet at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center and journey just a few steps away to our History Room. Please phone 595-7444 to reserve your space. All are welcome!

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May 29, 2009
CONTACT:  Parks and Recreation – 650-595-7441

Annual Outdoor Flea Market in Belmont

**Belmont, CA -**
Bargains galore! The annual Belmont Outdoor Flea Market at Barrett Community Center field, 1870 Ralston Ave in Belmont is almost here. This event, hosted by Belmont Parks & Recreation Department, will be held from 9:00 am – 2:30pm on Saturday, June 6th with free admission. Buyers, mark your calendars for this not-to-be-missed event! “It’s always a great opportunity to find a treasure” says regular Flea Market attendee, Karen Leonoudakis. A fun way to meet up with friends and neighbors while acquiring bargains on home décor, new and used kids and adults clothing, DVD’s and much more! Also, some group fundraisers will have booths, so you can support youth programs as well.

Of course, you also will benefit our environment, as we try to recycle one person’s trash into another one’s treasure, rather than going to the landfill.

Call Parks and Recreation at (650) 595-7441 for more information and we hope to see you there!

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June 1, 2009
CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444
“A Magic Night” Fundraiser Dinner

Belmont, CA –
Twin Pines Senior and Community Center is holding “A Magic Night” Fundraiser Dinner on Friday, June 19th, 2009 beginning at 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. All ages will enjoy the magic of renowned magician, Magic Mike, star of TV’s Magic Mike’s Funhouse. This community event will feature Mountain Mike’s Pizza, salad and dessert. The Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. The cost for children 3-12 is $8.00, for adults 13-59 is $10.00 and for seniors 60 and over is $8.00. Space is limited so register early. Call (650) 595-7444 for reservations. Sponsored in part by the Redwood Shores Lions Club. Proceeds benefit our Senior Services.

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

Type of Incident: Home Invasion Robbery  
Case #: 0906-0017  
Location: 2500 Blk. Hallmark Drive  
Date: 6-2-2009  
Time: 1530

EVENT

On Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at approximately 3:30 PM, Belmont Police responded to a home regarding a victim in need of medical attention. The incident is currently under investigation, but the following is known at this time.

At approximately 3:30 PM unknown suspect(s) entered a residence and physically assaulted the homeowner. The suspect(s) removed personal effects, along with the victim’s car. The victim is being treated for injuries and is expected to recover. The suspect fled the residence in the victim’s 4 door gray 2004 Jaguar X type, with California Lic. plate #5KBV409. If anyone sees the stolen vehicle we encourage you to call 9-1-1 immediately.

Anyone with information on the crime is asked to contact the Belmont Police Investigators at (650) 595-7400 or the Belmont PD Crime Tip Line at (650) 598-3000.

By: Sergeant Michael Brake'  
Date: 6-2-2009   Time:  2045 hrs  
Authorized By: Sergeant Michael Brake’  
Date: 6-2-2009   Time: 2045 hrs
June Lunch with Belmont’s Mayor!

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The June lunch will be held at the Mossant Café on Wednesday, June 24th at 12:30 p.m. The Mossant Café is located at 1400 El Camino Real in Belmont.

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 June lunch, or for more information, please call Joni Stallings in the Belmont City Manager’s office at 650-595-7408.

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UPDATE (6-3-09)
The 88 year old man who was assaulted in this case is now in critical condition at a local hospital after suffering multiple injuries to his head and face. Police have yet to locate his 2004 gray Jaguar X type that was taken during the robbery. Investigators have processed the crime scene, conducted dozens of interviews and canvassed the neighborhood, but the missing Jaguar is seen as a key piece of evidence in this case. We are calling on citizens all around the Bay Area to keep an eye out for this car.

If anyone sees the stolen vehicle we encourage you to call 9-1-1 immediately.

A photo of a similar 2004 Jaguar can be found (along with this press release) on the City of Belmont website at www.belmont.gov under “Press Releases”.

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By: Capt. Dan DeSmidt  
Authorized By: Chief Don Mattei
Date: 6-4-09  Time: 1645 hrs  
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On 6/2/09, at approximately 1600 hours, unknown suspect/s entered the Victim's single family home in the 2500 blk. of Hallmark Drive via a bedroom window. Upon contacting the Victim, the suspects used an unknown object to assault the elderly resident causing traumatic injury. The suspect/s then ransacked the house before leaving in the Victim's Jaguar which was parked in the garage.
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Type of Incident: Robbery UPDATE

***Person of Interest***
Case #: 0906-0017

Location: 2500 Blk. Hallmark Drive
Date: 6-2-2009 Time: 1530

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UPDATE (6-4-09)

A number of witnesses have described to investigators a young man walking in the area at the time of this crime. Investigators would like to talk to this man. He is described as an African American man in his 20’s. He was clean shaven with a short afro. At the time he was seen wearing sagging blue jeans exposing blue boxer shorts, and either a tank-top t-shirt or shirtless (depending on the witness). He is a thin man, stands about six feet tall, and was seen in the Hallmark area on Tuesday afternoon.

Police are also still looking for the 2004 gray Jaguar X type that was taken during the robbery. The missing Jaguar is seen as a key piece of evidence in this case. We are calling on citizens all around the Bay Area to keep an eye out for this car.

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By: Capt. Dan DeSmidt
Date: 6-4-09 Time: 1325 hrs

Authorized By: Chief Don Mattei
Date: 6-4-09 Time: 1325 hrs
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June 5, 2009
CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444

“Monday Morning Musicals”

Belmont, CA –

Stroll down memory lane every Monday morning with classic musicals from the big screen! Shows run June 22 through July 20 at 9:30am at the Twin Pines Senior and Community Center. Relive special moments in musical history. Free! No reservations needed! Any questions, please call: 595-7444

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June 5, 2009
CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444

“Armchair Travel-China”

Belmont, CA –
Armchair Travel-China! Tuesday, June 30th at 10am in the Twin Pines Senior and Community Center. Laura Guluzzy, of the Center shares her amazing Sociological/Humanitarian trip to China to deliver wheelchairs and her visit to four cities, including Hong Kong, Shanghai, Xi’an and Beijing. The Terra Cotta Warriors, the Shanghai Jewish Ghetto, the Great Wall of China, the Senior and Ex-Patriot Housing were all subjects of her study for Notre Dame University. Free!

A Chinese lunch will follow at 11:30am. Lunch is $3 for Seniors 60 and above and all others $6 each. Please phone 595-7444 to reserve your space. Space is limited!

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6/5/2009   Home Invasion Robbery Update #4  
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PRESS RELEASE
Pursuant to California Government Code § 6254(f)

Type of Incident: Robbery UPDATE  
***Vehicle Located***
***Sketch Released***  

Case #: 0906-0017

Location: 2500 Blk. Hallmark Drive  
Date: 6-2-2009  Time: 1530

EVENT
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UPDATE (6-5-09)
A number of witnesses have described to investigators a young man walking in the area at the time of this crime. Investigators would like to talk to this man. He is described as a light skinned African American man in his early 20’s. He was clean shaven with short hair. At the time he was seen wearing sagging blue jeans exposing blue boxer shorts, and either a tank-top t-shirt or shirtless (depending on the witness). He is a thin young man, stands about six feet tall, and was seen in the Hallmark area on Tuesday afternoon.

One of the witnesses was able to provide a police sketch artist with enough information to create the attached rendering of this person of interest. A pdf version of the sketch (along with this press release) can be found on the web at www.belmont.gov under “Press Releases”.

Early this morning, the 2004 Jaguar was located abandoned in the 2100 block of Carlmont Dr in Belmont. Belmont Police located the vehicle after a tip from a citizen. The car has been towed and will be examined for evidence, including DNA analysis. A canvass of that neighborhood for suspect information and/or physical evidence has begun.

As of this morning, the victim is still in critical condition.

Anyone with information on the crime should contact the Belmont Police Investigators at (650) 595-7400 or the Belmont PD Crime Tip Line at (650) 598-3000.

By: Capt. Dan DeSmidt  
Authorized By: Chief Don Mattei
Date: 6-5-09  Time: 0900 hrs  
Date: 6-5-09  Time: 0900 hrs
BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE
Pursuant to California Government Code § 6254(f)

Type of Incident: Robbery UPDATE Case #: 0906-0017
*** Person of Interest Located ***

Location: 2500 Blk. Hallmark Drive Date: 6-2-2009 Time: 1530

EVENT
On Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at approximately 3:30 PM, Belmont Police responded to a home regarding a victim in need of medical attention. It appears that unknown suspect(s) entered the home and physically assaulted the homeowner. The suspect(s) also removed personal effects. The suspect(s) fled the residence in the victim’s 4 door gray 2004 Jaguar, which was later recovered on Carlmont Dr.

UPDATE (6-9-09)
A number of witnesses described to investigators a young man walking in the area at the time of this crime. He is described as a light skinned African American man in his early 20’s. Based on witness descriptions, a police sketch was released on June 5.

Today Belmont Detectives believe that they have identified and located the man in question. He is currently in custody on similar charges in another County, and his fingerprints have been located inside the victim’s Jaguar. His identity is not being released at this time due to the fact that it may hamper this ongoing investigation. Charges have yet to be filed in this case.

“Tonight, our citizens can rest easier knowing that significant progress has been made in this case. But there is still work to do, and our thoughts and prayers are still with the victim and his family” said Police Chief Don Mattei.

As of this writing, the victim is still in critical condition.

Anyone with information on the crime should contact the Belmont Police Investigators at (650) 595-7400 or the Belmont PDC Crime Tip Line at (650) 598-3000.

By: Capt. Dan DeSmidt
Date: 6-9-09 Time: 1900 hrs

Authorized By: Chief Don Mattei
Date: 6-9-09 Time: 1930 hrs
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 9, 2009

CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center
(650) 595-7444

“Senior Shuttle”

Belmont, CA –

Van rides are Green! The Twin Pines Senior & Community Center Shuttle runs on natural gas. Belmont residents save on both fuel costs and consumption, by utilizing our service to bring you to the Center. The shuttle van is also wheelchair accessible. Our courteous and friendly drivers will bring you right to the front door. No need to worry about traffic or finding a parking space. The suggested donation for a round trip is $1.00. Reservations are required. For further information on the “Senior Shuttle” please call: (650) 595-7444.

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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center
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"Volunteers Needed"

Belmont, CA –

Volunteers are needed to share their time. Come and volunteer for our front desk or share your special skill with others at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center. Meet new people and expand your network. If you are available to volunteer, please call Joan Santaga at: (650) 595-7444.

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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center
(650) 595-7444

“Lunch at Twin Pines”

Belmont, CA –

Come join us for lunch at Twin Pines Senior & Community Center. Gather with friends and make new ones too, while enjoying a healthy lunch. Lunch is served Monday through Thursday at 11:30am. The Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. A monthly menu is available at the front desk. The suggested contribution is $3.00 for anyone 60 or over, and $6.00 if under 60. Reservations are required. For further information, please call: (650) 595-7444.

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# BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

Pursuant to California Government Code § 6254(f)

Type of Incident: **Robbery UPDATE**
Case #: 0906-0017

*** Victim dies from his Injuries ***
*** Homicide Charges Filed ***

Location: 2500 Blk. Hallmark Drive
Date: 6-2-2009  Time: 1530

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## EVENT

On Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at approximately 3:30 PM, Belmont Police responded to a home regarding a victim in need of medical attention. At that time, it appeared that an unknown suspect entered the home and physically assaulted the homeowner. The suspect fled the residence in the victim’s 2004 Jaguar, which was later recovered on Carlmont Dr.

On 6/9/09 Belmont Detectives identified and located a suspect in this case. The suspect was linked to this case through physical evidence. He is currently in custody on similar charges in another County.

## UPDATE (6/17/09)

It is with great sorrow that we report that the victim in this case has died from his injuries.

Belmont Detectives have also met with members of the San Mateo County District Attorney’s Office, who have reviewed the case and agreed to file criminal charges (including burglary, robbery, and homicide), against the suspect. The suspect is a 21 year old transient by the name of Tyler Hutchinson. Hutchinson is currently in custody in Yolo County. He will eventually be transferred to the San Mateo County jail, however it is unknown when that transfer will occur.

“The thoughts and prayers of this community are still with the victim’s family” said Police Chief Don Mattei. “Though this is no time for celebration, our investigators should be commended for their tireless work on this case. The senseless violence brought against this innocent 88 year old man constitutes one of the most disturbing things I’ve seen in my law enforcement career. We will continue to work closely with the DA’s office to ensure that Hutchinson will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law”, Chief Mattei added.

Belmont Detectives are continuing the investigation and anyone with information on the crime should contact the Belmont Police at (650) 595-7400 or the Belmont PD Crime Tip Line at (650) 598-3000.

By:  Lt. Patrick Halleran  
Authorized By: Chief Don Mattei  
Date: 6-17-09  Time: 1800 hrs  
Date: 6-17-09  Time: 1800 hrs
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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444

“Musical Variety Show & Ice Cream Social”

Belmont, CA –

Musical Variety Show featuring the P.S. Performers followed by an Ice Cream Social!
All ages welcome! The fun starts at 12noon on Monday, July 13th at the Twin Pines Senior and Community Center, located at 20 Twin Pines Lane. Call to reserve your space at: 595-7444. Free!

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Election Season Set to Begin

Belmont, CA --

The City of Belmont will hold a General Municipal Election on November 3. Three seats on the five-member City Council will be up for election. All seats are four-year terms, and because Belmont has no term limits, all incumbents are eligible for re-election. Incumbents whose terms will be expiring are Bill Dickenson, Coralin Feierbach, and Warren Lieberman.

Candidate packets, including nomination papers and other required forms, will be available to any interested candidate beginning Monday, July 13, and the deadline to file papers as a candidate is Friday, August 7. If any one incumbent has not filed nomination papers by the August 7th deadline, further nomination of candidates, other than incumbents, for such elective office will be received until 5:00 P.M. on August 12. These dates are set by Election Code and cannot be waived. Candidate packets are not available prior to July 13th.

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

In addition, the County Election 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, or visit www.shapethefuture.org.

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 making the decision to run for 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. Additional information regarding the nomination process can be found on the City’s website at www.belmont.gov (see “hot topics” or City Clerk’s page).

The deadline to register to vote for the November election is October 19.

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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center
(650) 595-7444

“Emergency Preparedness Free Workshop”

Belmont, CA –

FREE Emergency Preparedness Workshop is being offered at Twin Pines Senior & Community Center on Tuesday, July 28th at 10am. Learn to stay safe in any emergency! You will learn how to prepare for a disaster and set up a support network and keep track of important information and medications. Take home a free disaster kit after completion of the workshop! Call to reserve your seat at: (650) 595-7444.

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7/7/2009 CHP Free Driver Seminar
(Press release not found.)
Join the Belmont Mayor for Lunch on July 22nd!

Belmont, CA – David Braunstein, Mayor of the City of Belmont, is having monthly lunches with interested community members. These lunches are designed to touch base with and hear from various residents and/or members of the business community. The lunches are paid for by the individuals who attend, and are held at various Belmont restaurants.

“Community lunches provide citizens with an opportunity to meet the Mayor and learn about their city,” said Mayor Braunstein. “As Mayor, I am excited to meet with residents, listen to them, and share ideas.”

The July lunch will be held at the Mossant Café on Wednesday, July 22nd at 12:30 p.m. The Mossant Café is located at 1400 El Camino Real in Belmont.

So that 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 required. If you are interested in attending the July lunch, or for more information, please call Carol Tompkins in the Belmont City Manager’s office at 650-595-7408.

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Type of Incident:  Destructive Devices

Case #:  0907-0053

Location:  Nesbit School
500 Biddulph Way
Belmont, CA 94002

EVENT

On 7/8/09 at approximately 0800 hours Officers received a call of several small plastic containers near the field of Nesbit School, located at 500 Biddulph Way in Belmont, which had appeared to have been blown up. The San Mateo County Sheriff’s Department Bomb Squad was called to assist the Belmont Police Department with this ongoing investigation. In an effort to identify potential suspects and determine what was inside the containers, the containers were collected by the Bomb Squad. The containers were filled with unknown substances that caused an explosive reaction.

Belmont PD did not receive any calls of an explosion today, however due to the 4th of July holiday there were several reports of fireworks which may or may not have anything to do with these devices.

No injuries were reported as a result of these explosions. No one was around the devices when they were found by Belmont Redwood Shores School Staff. There was no damage reported to the school.

At this time, there is no further information. If any other information is obtained, there will be an updated press release.

By:  Sgt. Robyn Pitts
Date:  7-8-09  Time:  1845 hours

Authorized By:  Sgt. Robyn Pitts
Date:  7-8-09  Time:  1845 hours
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**UPDATE**

*** Suspects Located ***

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**UPDATE (7/9/09)**

Late this afternoon Belmont Detectives talked to two neighborhood children (pre-teens) who admitted to using common household cleaners and plastic bottles to create the devices found at Nesbit School yesterday. The boys’ parents have been contacted and counseling is being made available. The boys will not face criminal charges due to their ages and the fact that their pranks did not result in property damage or injury.

Investigators found no link to this case and similar events in surrounding communities. There is no evidence linking the Belmont boys to those events.

This case should serve as a reminder to parents to secure those household chemicals that can be dangerous in the hands of children.

By: Capt. Dan DeSmidt
Date: 7-9-09 Time: 1645 hours

Authorized By: Chief Don Mattei
Date: 7-9-09 Time: 1645 hours
PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR TWO NEW PARKS IN BELMONT

The Belmont Parks and Recreation Commission will be hosting on-site meetings for the two new proposed park sites on Saturday, July 18, 2009. The first meeting will be held at 10:00am at the proposed Semeria Park site at the intersection of Semeria and Casa Bona Avenues in the Cipriani neighborhood. The second meeting will be held at 12:30pm at the proposed Davey Glen Park site on Davey Glen Road west of El Camino. The purpose of the meetings is to listen to the public and to present the schematic designs for the parks.

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7/14/2009  Intergenerational Fun at Twin Pines

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July 14, 2009

CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center
(650) 595-7444

Intergenerational Fun at Twin Pines

Twin Pines Senior and Community Center hosted the P.S. Performers Variety Show, Monday, July 13th. The P. S. Performers song and dance group is made up of children of all ages who perform for seniors and others all over the county. Yesterday’s entertainment included songs from “Guys and Dolls” and “Annie” but the hit of the show was “Achee, Brakee, Heart” when all ages sang and clapped along. The show was followed by ice cream sandwiches for everybody. Twin Pines is open from 9 to 5 weekdays and serves lunch Monday through Thursday. Reservations are required. The Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. Call (650) 595-7444 for more information.

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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444
Laura Guluzzy, Recreation Coordinator-Senior Services

Assembly Member Jerry Hill & Seniors Against Investment Fraud Program Presentation
(SAIF)

Belmont, CA –

California State Assemblymember Jerry Hill visits Belmont’s Twin Pines Senior & Community Center to share the Seniors Against Investment Fraud (SAIF) program. SAIF is a statewide outreach program under the California Department of Corporations. The primary purpose of SAIF is to alert and educate Californians over the age of 50 about investment and telemarketing fraud crimes and how to avoid being victimized by scam artists.

The short video and program begins at 10 AM at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center, 20 Twin Pines Lane, on Tuesday, August 11th. Reserve your space at the front desk or call (650) 595-7444.

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7/30/2009  The Great 2009 State Heist of City Property Taxes

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CONTACT: Jack Crist,
City Manager at (650) 595-7408
JCrist@belmont.gov

The Great 2009 State Heist of City Property Taxes

Belmont, CA – The budget adopted by the State to solve its $24.2 billion deficit included expenditure reductions, new revenues, accounting gimmicks and a permanent “TAKING” of local government property tax revenue dedicated to City economic development and redevelopment. For fiscal years 2010 and 2011, the State will take $2.05 billion from redevelopment agencies statewide with the Belmont Redevelopment Agency losing $2.8 million of our local property tax money. Although the funds taken from us will be remitted to the local schools, the State is withdrawing an equal amount from State support of local schools so the schools will gain nothing in this massive local subsidy of the State budget. Since fiscal year 2003, the State has required over $1.4 million to be shifted from the Belmont Redevelopment Agency to the local schools. There is strong evidence that this heist of local funds is illegal and the City Council will soon be considering joining in support of the litigation led by the California Redevelopment Association to protect our property tax money. The State’s stealing of our City redevelopment money has a crippling impact on the economic development of the City’s downtown.

The State will also borrow over $900 thousand from the City General Fund and the Belmont Fire Protection District’s property tax receipts in fiscal year 2010. While these funds are constitutionally required to be repaid with interest by 2013, this will negatively impact the City and the District’s cash liquidity.

In order to balance the City’s fiscal year 2010 budget in the face of declining local revenues, the City Council made tough decisions and cut over $1 million to address the current local recessionary impacts. The City will continue to diligently protect our funds and maintain the City’s fiscal well-being for the benefit of its residents and businesses.

For more information please visit the City of Belmont at www.belmont.gov and click on Hot Topics/2010 Budget Impact Documents for more written information as well as a video of a presentation to the Belmont City Council.

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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444
Laura Guluzzy, Recreation Coordinator

Intergenerational BBQ”

Belmont, CA –

Twin Pines Senior and Community Center and the Twin Pines Day Camp Summer
Youth will have an Intergenerational BBQ followed by Bingo for Prizes on Friday,
August 14th at 12 noon. $5.00 per person. Reservations are required. The Center is
located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. Call (650) 595-7444 for more information.

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CONTACT: Carol Tompkins (650) 595-7408

Join the Belmont Mayor for Lunch on August 26th!

Belmont, CA—David Braunstein, Mayor of the City of Belmont, is offering monthly lunches with interested community members. These lunches are designed to touch base with and hear from various residents and/or members of the business community.

Community lunches provide citizens with an opportunity to meet the Mayor and learn about their city,” said Mayor Braunstein. “As Mayor, I am excited to meet with residents, listen to them, and share ideas.”

The August lunch will be a “Brown Bag” affair on Wednesday, August 26th at 12:30 p.m. It will be held in the City Manager’s Suite 340 of City Hall. Bring your own lunch and we will provide a beverage.

So that the Mayor can focus on each attendee, the lunches will be limited to the first 6-8 interested community members who respond. Reservations are required. If you are interested in attending, or for more information, please call Carol Tompkins in the Belmont City Manager’s office at 650-595-7408.

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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center
(650) 595-7444
Laura Guluzzy, Recreation Coordinator

“Widows and Widowers”

Belmont, CA –

Twin Pines Senior and Community Center hosts Widow and Widowers on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Typical meetings feature live entertainment, guest speakers, dinners and socialization. Contact Nancy at 368-6200 or Bob at 593-9461 for information. The Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont.

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CONTACT: Terri Cook
(650) 595-7413

Nomination Period Extended

Belmont, CA -- The nomination period for Belmont City Council candidates for the November 3rd municipal election has been extended to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12th. The State Elections Code provides that if any qualified incumbent does not file his or her nomination period by the close of business on the 88th day prior to the election (August 7th), the nomination period is extended by five calendar days. As of August 7th, Councilmember Dickenson had not filed his nomination papers. Two other incumbents, Councilmembers Coralin Feierbach and Warren Lieberman, have filed papers and are qualified candidates. In addition, Parks and Recreation Commissioner and former City Councilmember Dave Warden has filed, as has Belmont resident Michael McGuinness. There are a total of three Council seats up for election.

The nomination extension period is available only for non-incumbent candidates.

Anyone still interested in being a candidate for the Belmont City Council election on November 3rd should pick up nomination papers 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.). “The nomination process is a little time consuming,” explained City Clerk Terri Cook, “namely because of the time it takes to collect 20 signatures of registered voters in Belmont, and to write a candidate statement. Therefore, I strongly urge anyone still considering a run for office to pick up the nomination packet as soon as possible in order to give themselves time to meet the 5:00 p.m. deadline on Wednesday, August 12th. That deadline is firm, as it is set by Elections Code and cannot be waived.”

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
tcook@belmont.gov. Additional information regarding the nomination process can be found on the City’s website at www.belmont.gov (see “hot topics” or City Clerk’s page).

The deadline to register or re-register to vote for the November election is October 19.

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PRESS RELEASE

Pursuant to California Government Code § 6254(f)

Type of Incident: Robbery
Case #: 0908-0048
Location: 600 Block Old County Rd, Belmont
Date: 8/9/09 Time: 10:15 pm
By: Capt. Dan DeSmidt

EVENT

Last night at approximately 10:15 pm two masked men, armed with handguns entered an apartment in the 600 block of Old County Rd and held the residents at gun point. The two men demanded money from one of the residents. Both suspects eventually fled the apartment with an undisclosed amount of cash and computer equipment. Nobody was injured and no shots were fired.

Officers interviewed potential witnesses, scoured the area, and passed along information to surrounding law enforcement agencies.

The suspects were described as young men, with broad shoulders, standing nearly 6 ft tall. Both wore dark sweatshirts and dark pants. Though both suspects wore masks, witnesses believe they may have been Polynesian.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact Belmont PD investigators at (650) 595-7400 or the Crime Tip Line at 650-598-3000.
BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE
Pursuant to California Government Code § 6254(f)

Type of Incident:  Counterfeit US Currency  Case #:  0908-0047
Location:  Safeway – 1100 El Camino Real, Belmont  Date:  8/9/09  Time:  2:15 PM

EVENT

Two adults were arrested on Sunday after the alert staff at Safeway in Belmont notified Belmont Police of a woman passing suspicious money. The subsequent investigation led to the arrest of Billie Blanco (47) and Ramon Buenrostro (44), both of Redwood City.

With the support of the US Secret Service, Belmont PD investigators have seized the printer, paper, and equipment necessary for Blanco and Buenrostro to create counterfeit US Currency ranging from $1 to $100 bills. All total, over $1000 in counterfeit US Currency was seized.

This investigation is ongoing and Belmont PD investigators are working with both the US Secret Service and the San Mateo DA’s office to prepare charges. It is possible that additional counterfeit currency has already been passed by these suspects throughout the Bay Area.

Anyone with information on this case is asked to contact the Belmont PD Detective Bureau at 650-595-7400 or call the Crime Tip Line at 650-598-3000.

By:  Capt. Dan DeSmidt
Date:  8/11/09  Time:  1500 hrs
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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444
Laura Guluzzy, Recreation Coordinator, Senior Services

"Breakfast at Tiffany’s & Pietie’s"

Belmont, CA –

You are invited to enjoy a special breakfast by our own Pietie followed by the classic Audrey Hepburn film, “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center on Friday, August 28th at 10:30 am. Breakfast is $5.00 payable at the door. Reservations are required and space is limited. Sign up at the front desk or call: (650) 595-7444.

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Laura Guluzzy,
Recreation Coordinator, Senior Services

“Artist Alvin Joe’s Watercolor Workshop”

Belmont, CA –

Enhance your watercolor skills! Award-winning painter, Alvin Joe will present a 2-day watercolor workshop for students with prior watercolor experience on Monday, September 14th and 21st from 9:30-3:00 at Twin Pines Senior & Community Center. The cost is $75.00 for Belmont residents and $90.00 Non-residents. Reservations are required and may be made online at Belmont.gov or call: 595-7441. Space is limited so reserve early.

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Laura Guluzzy, Recreation Coordinator, Senior Services

“Lunch at Twin Pines”

Belmont, CA –

Come join us for lunch at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center. Gather with friends and make new ones too, while enjoying a healthy lunch. Lunch is served Monday through Thursday at 11:30am. The Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. A monthly menu is available at the front desk. The suggested contribution is $3.00 for anyone 60 or over, and a $6.00 fee if under 60. Reservations are required. For further information, please call: (650) 595-7444.

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Twin Pines Senior & Community Center

Highlights Recap by Laura Guluzzy, Recreation Coordinator

Twin Pines Senior & Community Center is SAIF!

Assemblymember Jerry Hill and Seniors Against Investment Fraud (SAIF) presented their program to 125 interested community members today at Twin Pines Senior & Community Center. City of Belmont, Mayor David Braunstein introduced the Assemblymember who gave a short talk followed by the SAIF program and video showing how to avoid and protect against scam artists. The primary purpose was to alert and educate those over the age of 50 about investment and telemarketing fraud crimes and how to avoid being victimized by scam artists. Many people in attendance were familiar with attempted telemarketing scams and the session reminded everyone of what to look out for. Many Belmont Seniors who attended seemed well-versed on how to handle the attempted telemarketing situations. There was a short question and answer session. Assemblymember Hill joined Mayor Braunstein and Councilmember Warren Lieberman and other Belmont Seniors for the regular Senior Lunch Program immediately following the session. Morning coffee and doughnuts were provided by the Assemblymember’s office.

Call: (650) 595-7444 for more information.
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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444
Laura Guluzzy, Recreation Coordinator, Senior Services

“Welcome Coffee”

Belmont, CA –

You are welcome! A WELCOME COFFEE will be held at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center on Wednesday, September 9th at 10:00am. Information on all services, classes, clubs and special events offered at the Center will be presented. This is the perfect opportunity to get all the information you need. You will find out about wonderful activities that you will want to participate in. Phone 595-7444 for reservations. Join in the Fun!

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Laura Guluzzy, Recreation Coordinator, Senior Services

“Intergenerational Lunch, Bingo for Prizes and Ice Cream Social”

Belmont, CA –

Join the fun! Twin Pines Senior & Community Center welcomes Notre Dame De Namur University 1st year English students on Monday, August 24th with lunch at 11:30am. Their Intergenerational "Orientation Engagement Experience" visit starts with lunch, then Bingo for Prizes followed by an Ice Cream Social. Students will bring their own box lunches from NDNU and join the Seniors for their lunch program. The students will assist staff with Bingo for Prizes and the Ice Cream Social. Seniors are wanted to join in the fun!

Lunch is a suggested donation of $3.00 for age 60 and over and a $6.00 fee for all others. Reservations are required. Please call: 595-7444 to reserve your space.

Lunch is co-sponsored with San Mateo County.

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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444
Laura Guluzzy, Recreation Coordinator, Senior Services

“Media Roundtable Group”

Belmont, CA –

A Media Roundtable Group will be held at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 10-11am beginning September 8th through December 22nd. Media discussion will be started from newspapers, television, radio or webcasts on any topic of the day! Stay current with today’s current events and come join in the fun! No reservations are needed. For more information please call: (650) 595-7444. Free!

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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444
Laura Guluzzy, Recreation Coordinator, Senior Services

“Cook’s Corner at Twin Pines”

Belmont, CA –

Join in the fun! Are you a good cook who wants to share recipes or someone trying to find new things to cook? Twin Pines Senior & Community Center in Belmont at 20 Twin Pines Lane offers “Cook’s Corner” sessions beginning on Friday, September 11\textsuperscript{th} on the 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} Fridays through December 11\textsuperscript{th} from 11-12 noon. The group will discuss and exchange recipes and even share samples. No reservations are needed. Come join in the fun! Free! For information call: (650) 595-7444

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“Writer’s Open Mike”

Belmont, CA –

Writer’s Open Mike is starting at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center. Come and share your prose. Writers will have an opportunity to share their work with other writers and gain feedback from their peers. Sessions are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 11am-12noon beginning September 8th through December 22nd. No reservations are needed. For more information please call: (650) 595-7444. Free!

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“Twin Pines Monthly Birthday Lunches”

Belmont, CA –

If it’s your birthday we want you to celebrate with us at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center. Come and share your birthday at one of our monthly birthday lunches beginning September 11th at 12 noon. The theme for the September birthdays is “Fall Colours” and will feature Rosemary Chicken and Squash with Roasted Potatoes and Onions and Birthday Cake for dessert. Lunch is $6.00 payable at the door. Reservations are required. Seating is limited so reserve early. Call to save your space: (650) 595-7444.

Future lunches are:
Octoberfest-October 9th
Harvest-November 13th
Winter Wonders-December 11th

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“AARP-Mature Driving Two-Day Classes”

Belmont, CA –

AARP-Mature Driving Classes (formerly “55 Alive”) are back by popular demand! Refresh your knowledge of the “Rules of the Road” and get a discount on your auto insurance. To get your “Certificate of Completion,” attend the two-day class held at Twin Pines Senior & Community Center on August 27th and 28th or on November 12th and 13th from 9am-1:30pm. There is a $12 fee for the class that is payable on the first day of the 2-day session. To reserve your space, please call: (650) 595-7444.

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“WHODUNNIT Mystery Book Group”

Belmont, CA –

Join in the fun! Do you like reading mysteries and want to talk about it? The Twin Pines Senior & Community Center in Belmont offers “WHODUNNIT” Mystery Book group” sessions beginning on Wednesday, September 9th on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 2:00 pm. The group will discuss current mystery books they are reading and offer reading suggestions to one another. Please phone 595-7444 to reserve your seat. Come join in the fun! Free!

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“NDNU & Twin Pines Seniors Experience an Intergenerational Event”

Belmont, CA –

Belmont’s Twin Pines Senior & Community Center hosted freshman English students from Notre Dame De Namur University for their Orientation Engagement Experience Visit yesterday. NDNU students visited as part of the University’s commitment to community service and social justice issues. There was a panel discussion on issues pertaining to seniors, which was hosted and facilitated by Laura Guluzzy, a Recreation Coordinator and also a student at NDNU.

Students were given ideas for better communication with seniors and topics of discussion of interest to both age groups. Following the panel, the students joined the seniors for lunch and prepared ice cream sundaes for everyone, followed by bingo and prizes. NDNU professor Dr. Ali Ferdowsi followed up with the students with a 5-5-5 Report (5 questions, 5 answers, 5 comments) about what they learned from the intergenerational experience, and they will write a paper with an emphasis on community service. (Photos are available upon request.)

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“Twin Pines Talks Fall Prevention”

Belmont, CA –

Preventing Falls is the Twin Pines Talks topic offered by the Sequoia Hospital Health and Wellness Center at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center on Thursday, September 17th from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. The discussion will highlight lifestyle adjustments that can help to prevent falls. Twin Pines Senior & Community Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. Reservations needed. To reserve your space call: 595-7444. Free!

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“Restorative Yoga”

Belmont, CA –

Kendra Bronstein will begin her new Restorative Yoga class on Tuesdays at Twin Pines Senior & Community Center, 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont on September 15-October 13 from 3:00-4:00 pm.
The class will explore proper posture, better breathing techniques and gentle movement of nearly every muscle in your body, all while seated in chairs. By taking these lessons into your daily life you will have more energy, better flexibility and range of motion, increased strength, lowered stress levels and a sense of calm and well-being.

The fee is $40.00 for Residents and $48.00 for Non-Residents. Reservations are required. Register online at: Belmont.gov under Parks & Recreation or call: 595-7441 to reserve your space.

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“Bring a Friend to Lunch Mondays”

Belmont, CA –

September starts Bring a Friend to Lunch Mondays. Join in the fun with the lunch group at Twin Pines Senior & Community Center! Spend some quality time with your friend! Share lunch and a special treat! Gather with friends old and new and enjoy lunch with us at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. All are welcome! Lunch is a suggested donation of $3.00 for age 60 and over and a $6.00 fee for all others. Reservations are required. Please call: 595-7444 to reserve your space.

The luncheon program is Monday through Thursday weekly and is co-sponsored with San Mateo County.

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Alvin Joe, award winning painter, offers a Watercolor Workshop for those with watercolor experience at Twin Pines Senior & Community Center at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. The 2-day workshop is offered to experienced painters wanting to experience wet-on-wet magic in watercolor and for intermediate and advanced painters wanting to challenge themselves to the next level. Class includes demonstrations, indoor and outdoor painting and critique. Bring all supplies and a bag lunch!

The 2-Day workshop takes place on Mondays, September 14th and 21st from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. $75.00 for Residents and $90.00 for Non-Residents. Reservations are required. Register online at: Belmont.gov under Parks & Recreation or call: 595-7441 to reserve your space.

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“What’s on the Menu?-Restaurant Review Group”
Belmont, CA –

Join in the fun at Twin Pines Senior & Community Center and be part of our new restaurant review group, “What’s on the Menu?-Restaurant Review Group.” Come to 20 Twin Pines Lane on the 3rd Wednesday each month beginning September 16th and discuss your latest restaurant finds. Bring a menu from a favorite restaurant. Group meets from 2:00 to 3:00 pm and is Free! Reservations required. To reserve your space and for further information please call: 595-7444

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“Virtual Bowling with Wii”

Belmont, CA –

Virtual Bowling with Wii! Twin Pines Senior & Community Center in conjunction with Health Net hosts this Wii Sports terrific event! Join in the fun at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont on Tuesday, September 22nd at 10:00 am. Prizes-Food-Games. Come play, watch, eat and have a good time! Free! Reservations are required. Register at the front desk or call: (650) 595-7444.

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Fall Compost Giveaway

Belmont, CA -

The City of Belmont in conjunction with the South Bayside Waste Management Authority, Rethink Waste, is sponsoring a Fall Compost Giveaway on Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 8 am to 12 pm in the City Hall/Twin Pines Parking Lot. Bring shovels, gloves and containers and take up to one (1) cubic yard of compost, equivalent to six full garbage cans free of charge.

For more information, call 650 595-7460.

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Monica Devincenzi, SBWMA
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Email: mdevincenzi@rethinkwaste.org

PUBLIC BUY-BACK RECYCLING CENTER/FREE DROP-OFF AREA TO BE RELOCATED

Shoreway Environmental Center Construction Preparation Continues

SAN CARLOS, CA – September 4, 2009 – The public buy-back center and free recycling drop-off area at the Shoreway Recycling and Disposal Center in San Carlos will be moved to another location on site starting September 8, 2009 in preparation for major construction at the facility.

The buy-back center and free recycling drop-off area are currently located behind the Shoreway Recycling Center located at 333 Shoreway Road, and accessed by the public through Gate #1 of the facility. As of September 8, the buy-back center and free recycling drop-off area will now be located on site next to the Shoreway Transfer Station, 225 Shoreway Road, just up the road. The public will access the new location through Gate #4. On-site signage and personnel will also assist in directing the public to the new location.

This relocation of the buy-back center and free recycling drop-off is temporary as the South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA) begins major construction at the facility to transform it into the Shoreway Environmental Center. The buy-back center and free recycling drop-off will be permanently located in front of the new materials recovery facility upon construction completion in early 2011 to provide the public a safe and more convenient access to the area.

Other key features of the future facility include a new state-of-the-art materials recovery facility for sorting single stream (commingled) recyclables from residents and businesses, an expanded transfer station for more recycling and customer convenience, major traffic improvements for customer safety, "Green Building" features and a new environmental education center. Construction is scheduled to begin this October and completed in the spring 2011.

Visit the SBWMA’s website at www.RethinkWaste.org for more information about future Shoreway Environmental Center and construction updates.

SBWMA
Formed in 1982, the SBWMA is a joint powers authority comprised of 12 member agencies (Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, East Palo Alto, Foster City, Hillsborough, Menlo Park, Redwood City, San Carlos, San Mateo, the County of San Mateo and the West Bay Sanitary District) in San Mateo County and is a leader in implementing innovative waste reduction and recycling programs. The SBWMA also owns and manages the Shoreway Recycling and Disposal Center in San Carlos consisting of a permitted solid waste transfer station and a recycling processing facility. For more information on the SBWMA, please visit our website at www.RethinkWaste.org.

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“Wendy Boglioli-Financially Sound, Physically Strong Community Event”

Belmont, CA –

Olympic Gold and Bronze Medalist, Wendy Boglioli presents a community event, “Financially Sound, Physically Strong” on Thursday, October 8th at 10:00am. She shares her personal story and includes her quest for Olympic Gold in her passionate message on ways to curb stress in our bodies and bank accounts. The Twin Pines Senior & Community Center is honored to host Wendy, also a long term care expert. She will lecture about her knowledge and experience that she has shared across the country and on major broadcast networks. Reservations are required and can be made at 20 Twin Pines Lane at the front desk or call: (650) 595-7444. FREE!

Offered in partnership with Edward Jones.

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“Musical Moments Class”

Belmont, CA –

A Musical Moments class will explore how music relates to the world and to itself in a historical perspective. Belmont’s Twin Pines Senior & Community Center at 20 Twin Pines Lane is offering the class by Instructor, Tina Baird. The class is September 30 through December 9th at 10:00 to 11:30 am. The fee of $30.00 for Seniors is payable to the instructor on the first day of class. Register with the instructor on the first day of class.

In cooperation with Sequoia Adult Education.

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“Armchair Travel”

Belmont, CA –

Belmont’s Twin Pines Senior & Community Center hosts Armchair Travel beginning this month focusing on China & Israel. Bring your photos and mementos to the first meeting. It will be held on September 28th at 10:00 am at 20 Twin Pines Lane and will continue on the 4th Monday each month. The group will share memorabilia and travel stories from different regions of the world. Sign up at the front desk or call: (650) 595-7444. Free!

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“Reel Talk Movie Discussion Group”

Belmont, CA –

Reel Talk Movie Discussion Group held on the 4th Wednesday of every month beginning September 23rd at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. Review and discuss the movie of the month! Sessions are at 2:00 pm. Sign up at the front desk or call: (650) 595-7444. Free!

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“What’s Your Deal?”

Belmont, CA –

What’s Your Deal? begins Monday, September 21st at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. Tell others about your good deal from the supermarket, on the web, or in your neighborhood. Come share stories in your life, past or present with others. What is your deal now? What are you working on? What are you doing? Got any items you want to get rid of or acquire? Share them with your network. Sessions are on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month from 12noon-1pm through December 21st. Sign up at the front desk or call: (650) 595-7444. Free! Drop-ins welcome!

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“Media Roundtable Group”

Belmont, CA –

Media Roundtable Group will be held at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 10-11am through December 22nd. Media discussion will be started from newspapers, television, radio or webcasts on any topic of the day! Stay current with today’s current events and come join in the fun! Sign up at the front desk or call: (650) 595-7444. Free! Drop-ins welcome!

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The luncheon program is Monday through Thursday weekly and is co-sponsored with San Mateo County.

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Editor’s note: Please note that the County requires the terminology to denote that the lunch is “a suggested donation” for those age 60 and over, not “a reasonable price.” All others pay a fee of $6.00. Thank you.

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Write-in Candidate Information

Belmont, CA -- The City of Belmont will hold a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 3. Three seats on the five-member Council will be up for election. All seats are four-year terms.

The Elections Code provides for a write-in candidacy period, which opened on Tuesday, September 8th, and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2009. In order to qualify, prospective candidates must file the requisite nomination papers similar to those filed by previously-qualified candidates. The only difference is that he/she will not submit a candidate statement.

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, said Terri Cook, Belmont City Clerk. 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 have filed their nomination papers during the regular nomination period will appear on the ballot. There are five qualified candidates for this November’s election.

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.

The deadline to register to vote for the November election is October 19.
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“2009 Community Resource Faire”

Belmont, CA –

The City of Belmont’s Twin Pines Senior & Community Center and the Senior Round Table present the 2009 Community Resource Faire. The Faire will be held on Friday, October 23rd from 10 am to 2 pm at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. Guests will enjoy free entry, refreshments, blood pressure testing, demonstrations, information services, giveaways and over 30 different door prizes. All are welcome! Transportation is free to Belmont residents. Call to reserve for pickup at: 595-7444 or for further information. You may also go online to seniorroundtable.

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“Artist Alvin Joe’s Watercolor Workshop Recap Story”

Belmont, CA –

Award-winning painter, Alvin Joe presented a 2-day Watercolor Workshop for students with prior watercolor experience on Monday, September 14th and 21st at Twin Pines Senior & Community Center in Belmont. The students were amazed to learn the renowned Alvin Joe “Wet-on-Wet” watercolor technique. These experienced painters painted inside on the first day of the workshop using floral examples of “Still Life” by Mr. Joe and the second day, painted the lovely garden outside the Center. The workshop will be offered again in the spring. (Story and photo by Laura Guluzzy)
9/25/2009    City Acquires San Juan Canyon Land

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“City Acquires San Juan Canyon Lands at IRS Auction”

Belmont, CA –

On September 17th, the City of Belmont made a bid to acquire 34.48 acres in the San Juan Canyon through a US Marshals Service’s IRS tax lien auction. The City was able to win the auction at the minimum bid price of $978,000 for all of the auctioned lands.

The auction sale is subject to confirmation by the United States District Court. Upon the Court’s confirmation, the United States Marshal will execute and deliver to the City a Quit Claim Deed conveying the property to the City.

The City intends to finance this Open Space land preservation through use of:

   a) An intermediate term loan secured by a pledge of future park-in-lieu fees levied per existing ordinance on new residential subdivisions in the City of Belmont; and
   b) Possible resale of 3-5 residential subdivision lots on the northwestern perimeter

“The City of Belmont acted swiftly when this rare opportunity arose to acquire a crown jewel for the community. With this purchase, the City has preserved open space for generations to come.” – Mayor David Braunstein.

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“Twin Pines Monthly Birthday Lunches”

Belmont, CA –

Come join in the fun! All are Welcome! Celebrate your birthday or help us celebrate others at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center. Monthly Birthday Lunches are on the 2nd Friday of each month. This month’s is on Friday, October 9th at 12 noon. The theme for October is “Octoberfest-Italian Style” and will feature slow-cooked beef in a red sauce with wagon wheel pasta, cabbage with prosciutto and onion, salad with mandarin oranges and roasted pumpkin seeds and spice cake with pumpkin ice cream. Lunch is $6.00 payable at the door. Reservations are required. Seating is limited so reserve early. Call to save your space: (650) 595-7444.

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“Advanced Healthcare Directives”

Belmont, CA –
Advanced Healthcare Directives will be the topic of a seminar presented by speaker, Tom Harshman from Sequoia Hospital. Decide you medical future now and direct your loved ones how. Join us at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center on Wednesday, October 14th at 2:30 pm located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. FREE! Call to reserve your space: (650) 595-7444.

Co-sponsored with Sequoia Hospital, Health and Wellness Center, a member of CHW.

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“Medicare Jeopardy”

Belmont, CA –
Come join in the fun and play Medicare Jeopardy! If you have trouble understanding the Medicare laws, you are not alone! Join us on Friday, October 2 at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. Learn the ins and outs of Medicare in a fun and easy way by playing a modified version of the television show, Jeopardy. The game begins at 9:30 am. FREE! Reservations are required. Seating is limited so reserve early. Call to save your space: (650) 595-7444.

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“Gentle Movement Classes”

Belmont, CA –

Gentle Movement Classes with Instructor, Susan Miller comes to Twin Pines Senior & Community Center! Over 5 weeks you will explore ways to increase comfort and ease of the body utilizing the brilliance of Moshe Feldenkrais. You will develop awareness, flexibility, coordination and grace. Classes are Mondays from 12:30-1:30 from 10/19-11/16. Registration can be done online at Belmont.gov, click on Parks and Recreation or reserve in person at 30 Twin Pines Lane. Fee is $48 for Belmont residents or $58 for non-residents.

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Laura Guluzzy, Recreation Coordinator, Senior Services

“2009 Community Resource Faire”

Belmont, CA –

The City of Belmont’s Twin Pines Senior & Community Center and the Senior Round Table present the 2009 Community Resource Faire. The Faire will be held on Friday, October 23rd from 10 am to 2 pm at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. Guests will enjoy free entry, refreshments, blood pressure testing, demonstrations, information services, giveaways and over 30 different door prizes. All are welcome!

To arrange transportation for people outside of Belmont, San Mateo/Foster City residents call: (650) 378-2750 and Burlingame residents call: (415) 861-7433. Belmont residents call: 595-7444 to reserve for pick up or for additional information. You may also go online to seniorroundtable.com

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“Weekly Wii Sports”

Belmont, CA –

Come join in the fun! Wii Sports hits Twin Pines! No previous sports experience required. Using a handheld controller, either seated or standing, we will play tennis, bowling golf and baseball. FREE! Weekly Wii Sports is held every Tuesday at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center from 12:30-2:00 pm. The Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. Call: (650) 595-7444 for further information.

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“Putting Your Wishes On Paper: Advance Healthcare Directives”

Belmont, CA –

Putting Your Wishes On Paper: Advance Healthcare Directives is being presented by Sequoia Hospital Speaker, Tom Harshman. Decide your own future and join us on Wednesday, October 14th, 2:30 pm at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center. FREE! The Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. Call: (650) 595-7444 to reserve your space or for further information.

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“Type 2 Diabetes…An Emergent Epidemic”

Belmont, CA –

“Type 2 Diabetes…An Emergent Epidemic” is being presented by Sequoia Hospital Diabetes Center speaker, Pauline Chau. Find out the risks, signs, symptoms and get a FREE blood glucose screening. Join us at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center on Thursday, October 15th at 10 am. FREE! The Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. Call: (650) 595-7444 to reserve your space or for further information.

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THE CITY OF BELMONT TAKES ACTION TOWARD A MORE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE BY SUPPORTING EFFORT TO REDUCE WASTE

Resolution Furthers Commitment to Seek Fair & Eco-Wise Solutions For Growing Waste Disposal Issues

Belmont, California – The City of Belmont is proud to announce their adoption of a “Producer Responsibility” resolution in partnership with the California Product Stewardship Council. “Producer Responsibility” is a concept whereby product manufacturers are primarily responsible for the life cycle of their products.

Beyond recycling, “Producer Responsibility” is an important environmental policy approach in which producers assume responsibility – financial and physical – for the proper management of their products throughout the life span. When producers are accountable for ensuring their products are re-used or recycled responsibly, the marketplace is encouraged to design and purchase goods that are more durable, easier to recycle, and less toxic.

“This resolution of support sends a signal that the taxpayers of the City of Belmont cannot afford to finance poorly designed and/or toxic products, and we seek an understanding from producers that they bear primary responsibility for their products,” says David Braunstein, Mayor of Belmont. “Now is the time to encourage and reward green design and we’re proud to be on the forefront of this necessary and positive change.”

The City of Belmont joins a growing number of other cities and counties who have already endorsed the “Producer Responsibility” concept resolution, including the cities of Fresno and San Jose, and the counties of Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Francisco, Butte, and many others. For a full list of supporting cities, go to www.calPSC.org
“We’re dedicated to reversing the trend of California producing more and more waste every year,” says Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director of the California Product Stewardship Council. “With the support of local governments such as the City of Belmont, we move one step closer to achieving our goals for a vibrant consumer economy with sustainable production and consumption.”

By adopting a Producer Responsibility resolution, the City of Belmont:

- Urges the California Integrated Waste Management Board to continue taking timely action to implement the Framework for an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) System in California to manage Universal and other wastes;

- Urges the California Legislature to pass framework EPR legislation that shifts Universal and other waste management costs from local government to the producers and users of the product, and which will give producers the incentive to redesign products to make them less toxic and easier to reuse and recycle;

- Supports the City Manager to be authorized to send letters to the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, and the California Integrated Waste Management Board, and the State legislature and to use other advocacy methods to urge support for EPR Framework legislation;

- Authorizes the City Manager of Belmont to sign the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) Pledge of Support and advocate for EPR policies and programs;

- Directs the City of Belmont to encourage all manufacturers to share in the responsibility for eliminating waste through minimizing excess packaging, designing products for durability, reusability and the ability to be recycled; using recycled materials in the manufacture of new products; and providing financial support for collection, processing, recycling, or disposal of used materials;

- Directs the City of Belmont and its member agencies to develop producer responsibility policies such as leasing products rather than purchasing them and requiring producers to offer less toxic alternatives and to take responsibility for collecting and recycling their products and the end of their useful life.

- Supports the State and Congressional delegations to introduce and pass legislation which shifts the burden of managing discarded products containing toxic material from local governments to the producers of those products.

- Directs district lobbyist to support EPR legislation on behalf of the City of Belmont.

For more information, or to schedule an interview, call Karl Mittelstadt at (650) 595-7443.
**About the California Product Stewardship Council:**

The California Product Stewardship Council is a not-for-profit, non government agency dedicated to shifting California’s product waste management system from one focused on government funded and ratepayer financed waste diversion to one that relies on producer responsibility. CPSC is working toward this goal to reduce public costs and drive improvements in product design that promote environmental sustainability.

CPSC strives to: (1) Build capacity and knowledge among local governments, and build relationships with stakeholders, to bring about producer financed and managed systems for product discards, including, but not restricted to, products covered by the Universal Waste Ban; (2) Provide a forum for the exchange of information regarding existing and proposed Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs; (3) Develop and recommend practical local and statewide EPR policy and educational tools such as model ordinances and legislation, newsletters, articles, policy briefings, etc.; (4) Provide effective leadership on EPR initiatives in California and develop a prioritized list, with timelines, of future EPR programs; and, (5) Educate elected and appointed officials and other decision makers on the benefits to local government of EPR. For more information, go to [www.calpsc.org](http://www.calpsc.org)

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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444
Laura Guluzzy, Recreation Coordinator, Senior Services

“Cook’s Corner”

Belmont, CA –

Let’s talk recipes! Twin Pines Senior & Community Center has Cook’s Corner on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 11 am. On the 2nd of the month enjoy hands on experience and on the 4th, trade recipes and share samples with the group. All are welcome! The sessions take place at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. For more information call: 595-7444

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“Armchair Travel”

Belmont, CA –

Belmont’s Twin Pines Senior & Community Center hosts Armchair Travel this month focusing on France. Bring your photos and mementos on Monday, October 26th at 10:00 am to 20 Twin Pines Lane. This group meets the 4th Monday of each month and will share memorabilia and travel stories from different regions of the world along with an occasional film presentation. Sign up at the front desk or call: (650) 595-7444. Free!

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“Opera Comes To Twin Pines-Recap Story”

Belmont, CA –

Opera Soprano Olga Chernisheva joined the October Monthly Birthday lunch last Friday, October 9th at the City of Belmont’s Twin Pines Senior & Community Center at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. Guests enjoyed her performance of three arias from Italian Operas. Russian-born Olga has been with the Bolshoi Opera and is currently performing at the Livermore Valley Opera House in Pagliacci Leoncavallo. World renowned, she has made her home in San Mateo with her husband and daughter. Her daughter goes to school in Belmont. Monthly Birthday Lunches are held on the 2nd Friday of each month and anyone interested in donating a performance; please contact Laura at the Center or call: 595-7444. All are welcome!

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Laura Guluzzy, Recreation Coordinator, Senior Services

"Olympian Wendy Boglioli Visits Twin Pines-Recap Story"

Belmont, CA –
The City of Belmont’s Twin Pines Senior & Community Center co-sponsored a seminar with Edward Jones, Belmont last Thursday, October 8th presented by Olympic Gold Medalist Wendy Boglioli. She talked about long term and physical health care and over 35 participants were treated to a film of her winning Gold Medal swim. The Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. For information on the Center or upcoming events stop by or call: 595-7444. All are welcome!

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Belmont, CA - The City of Belmont City Council proudly announce the 3rd Annual presentation of our Beautiful 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 2009 nominations is November 20, 2009. 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 8, 2008 City Council meeting.

Mayor David Braunstein 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 2008 Award recipients – Richard’s Cleaners, Workspace Innovations, Gladwyn d’Souza, and Edward Paulus! We look forward to recognizing the 2009 Award winners!

For more information on the Beautiful Belmont Awards Program, or to obtain 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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Type of Incident: Belmont Police LIVE on Twitter at 2009 Community Forum

Location: Belmont City Hall – Council Chambers

When: Thursday October 22, 2009 – 6 pm

EVENT

The Belmont Police Department will host the 2009 Community Forum on Thursday 10/22/09 at 6:00pm. All are welcome, and those who cannot attend are encouraged to watch locally on PenTV Channel 27. For the first time, viewers at home will be invited to send in questions and comments real-time via Twitter at www.twitter.com/belmontcapolice and have them addressed live by Belmont PD staff.

Citizens are encouraged to register free of charge at www.twitter.com and follow the Belmont Police Department. The networking site is now being used to distribute up to date information to our community regarding events, traffic detours, safety tips, crimes, wanted persons and much more. Daily Media Bulletins and Press Releases will soon be posted on the City website www.belmont.gov and linked via Twitter as well.

The 2009 Community Forum will include an address by Police Chief Don Mattei, as well as presentations on current events, crime trends and traffic safety. All are welcome to come and learn more about your community and your Police Department. Refreshments will follow.

By: Captain Dan DeSmidt

Date: October 20, 2009

Time: 0900 hrs
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Belmont Police are asking for the public's help in locating a missing subject.

Shant Vogt is a resident of Calabasas in Southern California and was visiting Belmont with his parents. On Sunday 10/25/09 at approx 9:30 PM he was dropped off at the AM/PM Mini Market (470 Ralston Ave, Belmont) to purchase some items and was supposed to walk back to the nearby Motel 6, where the family was staying. Shant did not return to the motel and has not been seen since.

According to his parents, Shant suffers from a mental illness, takes medication, which he does not have with him and has the mental age of approximately a 15 year old. Shant may be en route to the Haight-Ashbury District in San Francisco.

Shant has no cash and no access to money or credit cards. He was last seen wearing a patchwork baseball cap, white suit jacket with a black cross on the back, red/orange shirt, black jeans shorts, white tennis shoes.

If you have seen Shant Vogt or have any information on him, please contact Belmont Police.

Belmont Police Department - CA0410200
(650) 595-7400

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BELMONT, CA – Due to the seating of a new City Council at the December 8th City Council meeting, the City of Belmont will be rescheduling the 3rd Annual presentation of our Beautiful Belmont Awards Program to the meeting of January 12th. 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 2009 nominations has been extended to November 30, 2009, given the new presentation date. 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 January 12, 2010 City Council meeting.

For more information on the Beautiful Belmont Awards Program, or to obtain 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.
BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE
Pursuant to California Government Code § 6254(f)

Type of Incident: Missing Person – Update #1  Case #: 0910-0152

Location: AM/PM Mini Market 470 Ralston Ave, Belmont  Date: 10/25/09  Time: 2130hrs

EVENT

Shant Vogt is a resident of Calabasas in Southern California and was visiting Belmont with his parents. On Sunday 10/25/09 at approx 9:30 PM he was dropped off at the AM/PM Mini Market (470 Ralston Ave, Belmont) to purchase some items and was supposed to walk back to the nearby Motel 6, where the family was staying. Shant did not return to the motel and has not been seen since. According to his parents, Shant suffers from a mental illness, takes medication, which he does not have with him and has the mental age of approximately a 15 year old. Shant may be en route to the Haight-Ashbury District in San Francisco. Shant has no cash and no access to money or credit cards. He was last seen wearing a patchwork baseball cap, white suit jacket with a black cross on the back, red/orange shirt, black jeans shorts, white tennis shoes.

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10/30/09 UPDATE

Belmont Police investigators have learned that Shant was seen yesterday, Thursday, 10/29/09, on Grand Avenue in South San Francisco. According to witnesses, he has obtained a new jacket and may now be wearing a brown jacket, not the white suit jacket with a black cross on the back, which he had been seen wearing on Sunday. He continues to wear his multi-colored patchwork baseball cap (olive green, brown, black, etc.).

Shant may still be en route to the Haight-Ashbury District in San Francisco. Belmont Police continue to work with the South San Francisco Police and other agencies in an effort to locate Shant and check on his welfare. Shant’s parents are remaining in the area and also continue to actively look for him.

The Belmont Police would like to thank the media for their support in getting information on Shant out to the public. We would also like to thank the public for their cooperation and ask that they continue to been on the look out for Shant.

More updates will be provided, as they become available.

By: Lieutenant Patrick Halleran  Date: 10/30/09  Time: 1400hrs
Authorized By: Capt. D. DeSmidt  Date: 10/30/09  Time: 1400hrs
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CONTACT: Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444
Laura Guluzzy, Recreation Coordinator, Senior Services

“2009 Community Resource Faire Recap Story”

Belmont, CA –
The Senior Roundtable and the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center held the 2009 Community Resource Faire on Friday, October 23rd. Over 400 people and 30 vendors attended the event. Vendors donated food and door prizes while attendees experienced hand and back massages, blood pressure screenings, discovered great clothing, computer assistance, home monitor systems, help at home and many other terrific products and services. This was the first such event held at the Center located at 20 Twin Pines Lane. The Twin Pines Senior & Community Center is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday through Friday. Transportation is available to Belmont residents age 60 and over. Call 595-7444 for further information.

Twin Pines Senior & Community Center participant, Helen Gee experiences her first-ever hand massage

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Pursuant to California Government Code § 6254(f)

Type of Incident: Missing Person – Update #2
Case #: 0910-0152

Location: AM/PM Mini Market 470 Ralston Ave, Belmont
Date: 10/25/09    Time: 2130hrs

EVENT

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11/1/09 UPDATE

Shant Vogt was located earlier today in San Francisco and was re-united with his parents. Shant is in good health and he is returning home with his parents to Calabasas, in Southern California.

The Belmont Police would like to thank the media for their support in getting information on Shant out to the public. We would also like to thank the public for their cooperation and the information provided to us during the search for Shant.

By: Lieutenant Patrick Halleran    Authorized By: Lieutenant Patrick Halleran
Date: 11/1/09    Time: 1630hrs    Date: 11/1/09    Time: 1630hrs
11/2/2009    Missing Person - Shant Vogt - UPDATE 2

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

Type of Incident: Missing Person – Update #2
Case #: 0910-0152

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Date: 11/1/09 Time: 1630hrs

Authorized By: Lieutenant Patrick Halleran
Date: 11/1/09 Time: 1630hrs
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CONTACT: Carlos deMelo – (650) 595-7440

San Juan Canyon Open Space Item Continued to Thursday Special Meeting

Belmont, CA --
The Belmont City Council last night opted to continue discussions regarding the San Juan Canyon to a special meeting now scheduled for Thursday November 12, 2009. The special City Council meeting will begin at 5 PM in the City Council Chambers and be televised locally on Pen TV Channel 27. The purpose of the meeting is to continue discussions on agenda item # 6D, which involves consideration of a resolution approving the acquisition of 87 parcels of land in the San Juan Canyon.

For more information on this item please see last night’s City Council agenda on the web at www.belmont.com under City Council Agendas.

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Belmont’s 14th Annual Breakfast with Santa

Belmont, CA - The City of Belmont Parks & Recreation Department would like to invite you to participate in the 14th annual Breakfast with Santa event to be held on Saturday, December 5th at the Twin Pines Senior and Community Center, 20 Twin Pines Lane in Twin Pines Park. All ages are welcome and pre-registration is required by November 30th, 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. Belmont Lions’ will be behind the scenes, cooking our fantastic pancakes with batter provided by Belmont’s IHOP.

Children under 10 will get their picture taken with Santa, and receive a gift from him. Entertainer Leo Luna will captivate the kids with his comedy magic show. Kids and adults alike will enjoy participating in his antics. The HeartBeat dancers will put on a short program 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 to distribute locally. This is our 6th 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, ‘Register now’ or call the Belmont Parks & Recreation Department at 650-595-7441.
Belmont -- As cooler temperatures begin to mark the beginning of fall, the American Lung Association of California is urging the public to avoid wood burning and to consider cleaner burning alternatives. Burning wood emits harmful toxins and fine particles in the air that can worsen breathing problems and lead to heart and lung disease and even early death.

“Breathing particle pollution – or soot – can literally shorten life and send our most vulnerable residents to the emergency room. Study after study shows that when particle pollution levels increase, people can die,” said David Pepper, MD, a volunteer of the American Lung Association in California.

Wood smoke poses a special threat to people with asthma and COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) and should be actively avoided by those with lung disease. The American Lung Association strongly recommends using cleaner, less toxic sources of heat, such as natural gas. Converting a wood-burning fireplace or stove to use either natural gas or propane will eliminate exposure to the dangerous toxins wood burning generates including dioxin, arsenic and formaldehyde.

Wood smoke is the largest source of wintertime particle pollution in the Bay Area. Numerous studies have linked wood smoke exposure with exacerbation of lung disease. In the greater Bay Area, nearly one million residents have lung disease. “When they breathe wood smoke, they suffer even more,” said Dr. Pepper.

As with any pollution, children are especially at risk. Their lungs do not fully form until the age of 18 and cumulative exposures of wood smoke can lead to reduced lung function and risk of future disease. For asthmatic children, breathing wood smoke can lead to immediate harm, including asthma attacks and respiratory distress.

Although both natural gas and propane stoves are much cleaner than their wood-burning alternatives, these devices must be directly vented outside the home to reduce exposure to carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide and other emissions produced by these energy sources. The American Lung Association warns that gas and propane stoves can be a threat to any family’s health without proper outdoor ventilation.

Indoor exposures to wood smoke can also pose health risks to residents. “Studies have also shown that people using wood burning devices to heat their homes can be routinely exposed to excessive levels of fine particulate matter in their indoor air,” added Dr. Pepper.

Many air districts in California have adopted regulations to control wood burning. The Bay Area Air Quality Management District’s (BAAQMD) wood burning regulation will be in effect in all nine Bay Area counties
beginning November 1. The Air District will call a winter Spare the Air Alert making wood burning illegal until the alert is lifted. Individuals can make a complaint about wood smoke pollution by calling the air district’s hotline at 1-877-4NO-BURN or sign up to receive air alerts on the District’s website at www.sparetheair.org

When a wood burning curtailment is called, the regulation bans the use of all wood burning appliances, including US EPA certified stoves. Currently, a US EPA Phase 2 certified device is any device built on or after July 1, 1992. While new US EPA Phase 2 certified devices burn much more cleanly, older ones may not. A study conducted by the US EPA found that Phase 2 Certified devices can emit significant levels of pollution above certified values, due to improper operation and maintenance, and through normal equipment degradation.

“Wood smoke pollution is a huge problem in the wintertime, both at the neighborhood and regional level,” Dr. Pepper said. “So many people are suffering health effects from breathing smoke in their homes and neighborhoods. Every single chimney and wood-burning stove can have an impact on air quality so we are urging the public to burn less.”

For more information about the health effects of wood burning and cleaner burning alternatives to heating, please visit our website at www.lungusa.org or call 1-800-LUNG-USA.

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Belmont Police Dept. Reports Unattended Death

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

Type of Incident: Unattended Death
Case #: 0911-0173

Location: 1500 Blk. El Verano Way
Date: 11/28/09
Time: 10:25 PM

EVENT
On Saturday, 11/28/09 at approx. 10:25 PM, Belmont Police Department units were dispatched to the 1500 block of El Verano Way on the report of a suspicious vehicle. A passerby had called the PD and reported that there was a white Ford Explorer parked on the street and that it was occupied by a person whom appeared to be sleeping. The caller also advised that the vehicle had been parked on the street for some time.

When responding units arrived, they saw that the car was occupied by a white female adult, who had suffered major trauma. The 49 year-old female from Redwood City was unresponsive and was pronounced deceased by an EMT from Belmont-San Carlos Fire at approx. 10:36 PM.

Due to the unusual nature of this case, BPD Detectives were called to the scene, along with the San Mateo County Crime Lab and the Coroner’s Office.

UPDATE (11/29/09)
The investigation into this death continues, however the following is known at this time:

The trauma noted by investigators appears consistent with knives found inside the locked vehicle with the deceased. Her family has been contacted by Belmont PD detectives, and is cooperating with this investigation.

Though detectives continue to conduct a thorough investigation, it appears possible that the woman’s injuries may have been self-inflicted.

This case is being investigated by Belmont PD detectives. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call (650) 595-7400 or leave a message on the Crime Tip Line at (650) 598-3000.

By: Capt. Dan DeSmidt
Date: 11/29/09 Time: 11:00 AM

Authorized By: Chief Don Mattei
Date: 11/29/09 Time: 11:00 AM
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 1, 2009

CONTACT: Laura Guluzzy, Recreation Coordinator, Senior Services
Twin Pines Senior & Community Center (650) 595-7444
Belmont Parks & Recreation Department

“Winter Wonders December Birthday Lunch”

Belmont, CA –

For Calendar:

Come join in the fun! All are Welcome! Celebrate your December birthday or help us celebrate others at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center. Monthly Birthday Lunches are on the 2nd Friday of each month. This month’s is on Friday, December 11th at 12 noon. The theme for December is “Winter Wonders-Italian Style” and will feature Tomato, Mozzarella, Basil Insalata W/Balsamic Vinaigrette, Ravioli or Tortellini in Meat Sauce, Baked Fennel with Parmesan and Winter Wonders Birthday Cake. Lunch is $6.00 payable at the door. Reservations are required. Seating is limited so reserve early. Call to save your space: (650) 595-7444. Sponsored in part by Lunardi’s.

Future lunches are:
Celebrate 2010-January 8th
Valentine’s Theme-February 12th
St. Patrick’s Day-March 12th
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 2, 2009

CONTACT: Laura Guluzzy, Recreation Coordinator
(650) 595-7444 Twin Pines Senior & Community Center
Belmont Parks & Recreation Department

Belmont, CA –

“Daycation-San Francisco Lunch & Theatrical Musical Tribute Show”

The Golden Years-A theatrical and musical tribute from Mae West to Cab Calloway in this exciting day long trip to San Francisco, which includes lunch. The “Daycation” will begin at 9:00 am on Thursday, January 14th, boarding the bus at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center, located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. A stop at Pier 39 includes admission to the newly remodeled Aquarium of the Bay, and then it’s off to The Golden Years show that shares the bright lights of Broadway to the Jazzy Cotton Clubs. After the show, you will dine at the Fog Harbor Fish House with views of the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz Island and the Pier 39 sea lions, and return around 5:00 pm. Lunch includes your choice of four entrees. Make your lunch selection when booking online at Belmont.gov under Parks & Recreation. Seating is Limited! Cost is $91.00 per person payable on line or at the Belmont Parks and Recreation Department, 30 Twin Pines Lane. For further information call: (650) 595-7441 or Joan Santaga at (650) 637-2976.

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December 1, 2009
CONTACT: Jack Crist – (650) 595-7408

BELMONT CITY HALL TO CLOSE

Belmont, CA -- City administrative offices will be closed from December 25, 2009 through January 3, 2010. 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 and the Belmont Community Learning Center (child care) will be closed during this period. Emergency Contact Information for other city departments is available through the Police Dispatch unit.

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Type of Incident: **Injured Bicyclist Rescued**  
Case #: 0912-0021

Location: Water Dog Lake Park  
Date: 12/4/09  Time: 0739hrs

**EVENT**

On Friday, 12/4/09, at approx. 7:40AM Belmont Police and Belmont-San Carlos Fire responded to a 9-1-1 call from a 37 yr old San Carlos resident who was injured, while riding his mountain bike in the open space recreation area above Water Dog Lake. The victim reported that he had lost control of the bicycle and fell down hillside, approx. 10' off the trail. The victim, who had called 9-1-1 on his cell phone, could only provide his general location.

Units from Belmont Police, Belmont-San Carlos Fire and Belmont Public Works initiated a search of the park, locating the victim at approx. 8:20 AM. The victim was treated at the scene and transported to an area hospital for an apparent broken arm and other non-life threatening injuries.

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By: Lieutenant Patrick Halleran  
Date: 12/4/09  Time: 1455hrs

Authorized By: Captain Dan DeSmedt  
Date: 12/4/09  Time: 1455hrs
BELMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE
Pursuant to California Government Code § 6254(f)

Type of Incident: Criminal Trespass – Subjects Arrested  
Case #: 0912-0020

Location: 2700 blk of Hallmark Dr., Belmont  
Date: 12/3/09  Time: 1554hrs

EVENT

On Thursday, 12/3/09 at approx. 3:55PM Belmont Police responded to a residence in the 2700 block of Hallmark Dr on a report of a possible burglary in progress, after an alert citizen called 9-1-1 reporting unknown subjects in a neighbor’s house. Upon arrival Officers found Kieran Burke, age 46 of San Carlos and Leah Isaac, age 35 of Palo Alto, inside the residence. Both subjects were taken into custody without incident and were booked into the San Mateo County Jail. Today, the San Mateo County District Attorney charged the couple with criminal trespassing.

The Belmont Police would like to remind the public that while property-related crime is always occurring, it increases around the Holidays. People should remember to think about home and vehicle security and report any suspicious activity to their local police. During last week’s annual report to the City Council, Chief Don Mattei noted “You are only as safe as your neighbor’s want you to be.” This case illustrates that fact and the importance of neighborhood involvement in crime prevention.

The Belmont Police Department would like to thank the alert neighbor, whose call about suspicious actively lead to the successful apprehension of these suspects.

By: Lieutenant Patrick Halleran  
Date: 12/4/09  Time: 1125hrs

Authorized By: Captain Dan DeSmidt  
Date: 12/4/09  Time: 1125hrs
Type of Incident: Traffic Collision  Case #: 0912-0032

Location: Alameda de las Pulgas at Ralston Ave  Date: 12/7/09 Time: 9:00 AM

EVENT
Five cars were involved in a serious traffic collision this morning on Alameda de las Pulgas at Ralston Ave. One car rolled on its’ side and the driver of that car had to be freed by Firefighters from the Belmont/San Carlos Fire Department using the “jaws of life”.

Four victims were transported to area hospitals with non-life threatening injuries, including a baby. Alameda was shut down at Ralston Ave for approximately two hours. The roadway should be reopened shortly.

The wet roadway appears to be one of the factors involved in this collision. Drivers are reminded to use caution when driving in these conditions.

This case is being investigated by the Belmont PD traffic division with assistance from San Carlos PD. Anyone with information regarding this collision is asked to call (650) 595-7400.
Belmont, CA –

“Belmont Senior Club/AARP Chapter #3046 Joint Meetings”

The Belmont Senior Club/AARP Chapter #3046 joint meetings are held the 1\textsuperscript{st} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} Tuesday of each month. Meetings begin at 10:00 am at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center, 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. Meetings may include guest speakers, videos and entertainment. For more information or how to become a club member, join us as our guest at any meeting. Come, join in the fun!

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CONTACT: Laura Guluzzy, Recreation Coordinator (650) 595-7444
Twin Pines Senior & Community Center
Belmont Parks & Recreation Department

“Volunteer Teachers Needed”

Belmont, CA –

Volunteer teachers are needed to share their time. Come and share your special skill with others at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont’s Civic Center. Meet new people and expand your network. If you are available to volunteer, please call Cheri Handley at: (650) 595-7444.

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Type of Incident: **Armed Robbery**  
Case #: 0912-0036

Location: Olympian Gas Station (701 Harbor Blvd, Belmont)

Date: 12/7/09  Time: 2144hrs

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**EVENT**

On Monday, 12/7/09 @ approx. 9:45PM, Belmont Police responded to the report of an armed robbery that had just occurred, at the Olympian Gas Station at 701 Harbor Blvd, Belmont. The case is currently under investigation by Belmont Police, but the following is known at this time.

Three male suspects entered the Olympian Gas Station and confronted the 18 yr old male clerk, who was alone in the store at the time. One suspect brandished a knife while the other two suspects grabbed the clerk and escorted him to a back room. After a few minutes, the clerk exited the room and called 9-1-1. The clerk was not injured during the incident and a monetary loss has not been determined.

The suspects were last seen driving S/B on Old County Road in a dark colored car (no further information). The suspects are all described as English speaking males (ages unknown), wearing dark clothing and ski masks.

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

By: Lieutenant Patrick Halleran  
Authorized By: Capt. Daniel DeSmidt

Date: 12/8/09  Time: 1230hrs
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Twin Pines Senior & Community Center
Belmont Parks & Recreation Department

Belmont, CA –

“Widows and Widowers”

Twin Pines Senior and Community Center hosts Widows and Widowers on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Typical meetings feature live entertainment, guest speakers, dinners and socialization. The Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. Contact Nancy at 368-6200 for information.

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"Dance Nights"

The Twin Pines Senior and Community Center is holding “Dance Nights” for adults on the 1st Wednesday of every month from 7:00 to 9:30 PM. Live music by “The Casuals.” Come enjoy dancing to great music and meet new friends! The Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. No reservations or partner is required. Admission is $6.00. Please call (650)595-7444 for further information.

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Belmont Police Department Partners in Special Holiday DUI Crackdown

Belmont PD Joins Effort to Deploy one of 300 Sobriety Checkpoints over the Holidays

Belmont, Calif. — The holiday season is upon us. Plans are in place for parties, shopping and traveling to friends and family. However, each year motorists will be in harms way thanks to the careless ones who will drink and drive this season.

Beginning December 16th, the Belmont Police Department will join law enforcement across the state as part of California’s 18 Day Holiday DUI Crackdown Campaign with law enforcement agencies deploying 300 DUI/Drivers License Checkpoints statewide. Funding for the special enforcement campaign, December 16, 2009 through January 3, 2010 comes from a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

On Sunday, December 20, 2009, the Belmont Police Department will partner with officers from Daly City PD, San Carlos PD, Hillsborough PD, and the California Highway Patrol to conduct a DUI/Drivers License checkpoint. The checkpoint will begin at 6:00pm on El Camino Real in Belmont. Throughout the holidays, Belmont Police will join law enforcement throughout the state by increasing DUI patrols and removing drunk drivers from the street.

In 2008, 11,773 people died in highway crashes involving a driver or motorcycle rider with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .08 or higher. In California 1,029 were killed on state and local roads driving with a .08 BAC or higher with another 28,457 injured in Alcohol Involved Collisions.

“Drunk driving is simply not worth the risk. Not only do you risk killing yourself or someone else, but the trauma and financial costs of a crash or an arrest for impaired driving can be significant,” said Christopher J. Murphy, Director of the California Office of Traffic Safety. “Violators often face jail time, the loss of their driver’s license, higher insurance rates, attorney fees, time away from work, and dozens of other expenses. So don’t take the chance. Remember, if you are over the limit, you are under arrest.”

Law enforcement encourages everyone planning a family gathering over the holidays to first think about how your friends and family will get home after drinking during holiday celebrations. Everyone is encouraged to “Report Drunk Drivers — Call 911” and be ready to describe the vehicle, its location and direction of travel to make your community safer into the New Year. With everyone’s help, families won’t remember the holidays of 2009 as a time of loss at the hands of another drunk driver.

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Belmont Raises Money for Sewer Improvements

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CONTACT: Thomas Fil – (650) 595-7435
Brooke Lazzari – (650) 595-7434

BELMONT RAISES MONEY FOR SOUTH BAYSIDER SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

Belmont, CA -- The City of Belmont sold $8.5 million of revenue bonds Tuesday to fund the City’s share of badly needed improvements to the South Bayside System Authority’s sewage treatment facilities. The issue was sold at an average interest rate of just over 4.50% to Citigroup, who underwrite the bonds alone for re-distribution to investors. Proceeds of the issue will be used to construct the first phase of improvements to the SBSA treatment facility in Redwood City, including rehabilitation of the system’s treatment plant, reconstruction of the City’s pump stations and a complete overhaul of the force main that delivers effluent to the treatment facility. The improvements will address significant deferred maintenance issues at the Redwood City facility that were identified in a comprehensive capital improvement plan adopted by the SBSA board in October 2008.

“We were delighted with the extremely low rates offered on these bonds, and believe that those rates are clear indications that the credit markets believe in the sound financial operations, stable economy and quality of the management here in Belmont,” said John Violet, Belmont’s Treasurer. “Not only were the rates very attractive, but there were eight different firms either actively bidding for or expressing strong interest in the bonds,” he continued.

Citigroup reoffered the bonds to the public at yields ranging from 1.00% in the year 2012, to 5% in the year 2041, the last year of the loan. The bonds are rated “AA-” by Standard & Poor’s Rating Services, which cited the City’s strong income indicators and full participation in a diverse Bay Area economy as positive rating factors.

The bonds are repayable from the fees that the City charges its customers for capital requirements of the SBSA treatment plant, which treats sewerage from the City’s sewer service, and have no claim on other assets of the City.

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Belmont Police Department Sobriety Checkpoint Makes an Impact
2 Drivers Arrested for DUI
15 others Cited for being Unlicensed or Having Suspended Licenses

Belmont, Calif. —
On Sunday, December 20, 2009, the Belmont Police Department partnered with officers from Daly City PD, San Carlos PD, Hillsborough PD, and the California Highway Patrol to conduct a DUI/Drivers License checkpoint. The checkpoint began at 6:00 p.m. in the 1300 Blk of El Camino Real in Belmont and ran until 11:00 p.m. During the 5 hours the checkpoint was in operation, a total of 1,519 drivers were contacted by officers. Two drivers were arrested for DUI, 2 were cited for driving on a suspended license and 13 were cited for being unlicensed. The vehicles driven by all 17 of those drivers were towed.

The holiday season is upon us. Plans are in place for parties, shopping and traveling to friends and family. However, each year motorists will be in harm’s way, because of drivers who drink and drive. The Belmont Police Department will continue to join law enforcement across the state, as part of California’s 18 Day Holiday DUI Crackdown Campaign during which 300 DUI/Drivers License Checkpoints will be set up statewide. Funding for this special enforcement campaign, December 16, 2009 through January 3, 2010 comes from a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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CONTACT: Laura Guluzzy, Recreation Coordinator, (650) 595-7444
Twin Pines Senior & Community Center
Belmont Parks & Recreation Department

Belmont, CA –

“Writer’s Open Mike”

Join us for Writer’s Open Mike at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center at 20 Twin Pines Lane. Come and share your prose. Writers will have an opportunity to share their work with other writers and gain feedback from their peers. Sessions are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 11am-12noon from January 12th-April 27th. All levels of writers are welcome! Sign up at the front desk or call: (650) 595-7444. Free! Drop-ins welcome!

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Belmont, CA –

“Lunch at Twin Pines”

Come join us for lunch at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center. Gather with friends and make new ones too, while enjoying a healthy lunch. Lunch is served Monday through Thursday at 11:30am. The Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. A monthly menu is available at the front desk. The suggested contribution is $3.00 for anyone 60 or over, and a $6.00 fee for all others. Reservations are required. For further information, please call: (650) 595-7444.

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Belmont, CA –

“Ballroom Dance Classes”

The Twin Pines Senior and Community Center is holding Ballroom Dance Lessons for adults on Thursday evenings starting with a lesson from 6:30 to 7:30 PM followed by a practice dance from 7:30 to 8:00 pm. Learn Foxtrot, Waltz, Rhumba and East Coast Swing in Session #1 offered January 7th-February 25th.

Session #2 is March 4th-April 22nd and offers lessons in Salsa, Tango, West Coast Swing and Merengue. The Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. No partner or experience needed. Fee is $54.00 for Belmont residents and $65.00 for non-residents. Register at Belmont.gov under Parks and Recreation or at the Parks and Recreation Office at 30 Twin Pines Lane. (650) 595-7441.

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Belmont, CA –

“Media Roundtable Group”

Media Roundtable Group is held at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 10-11am. Media discussion is started from newspapers, television, radio or webcasts on any topic of the day! Stay current with today’s current events and come join in the fun! Sign up at the front desk or call: (650) 595-7444. Free! Drop-ins welcome!

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Belmont, CA –

“S.H.A.R.E.S. Card Available at Twin Pines”

The Twin Pines Senior & Community Center announces the availability of the S.H.A.R.E.S. card! Purchases made at Lucky Supermarket while presenting your S.H.A.R.E.S. card will benefit the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center’s programs and services. For every purchase you make, Lucky Supermarkets, Lucky will donate 3% to the Center. You can pick up your card at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. Call: (650) 595-7444 for further information.

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Belmont, CA –

“Twin Pines Senior Shuttle”

Van rides are Green! The Twin Pines Senior & Community Center Shuttle runs on natural gas. Belmont residents save on both fuel costs and consumption, by utilizing our service to bring you to the Center. The shuttle van is also wheelchair accessible. Our courteous and friendly drivers will bring you right to the front door.

Twin Pines Senior & Community Center is located at 20 Twin Pines Lane in Belmont. No need to worry about traffic or finding a parking space. The suggested donation for a round trip is $1.00. Reservations are required. For further information on the “Senior Shuttle” or to reserve your space please call: (650) 595-7444.

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“Information and Referral”

The Twin Pines Senior and Community Center offers Information & Referral Service to Seniors on Wednesday and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Please call Joan Santaga for an appointment at: (650) 637-2976. The service is free.

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“Internet & Computer Classes”

Internet & Computer Classes are offered at Belmont’s Twin Pines Senior & Community Center located at 20 Twin Pines Lane. Learn how to use the Internet and how to “surf the web.” Class size is limited so call for reservations or to get on the waiting list. (650) 595-7444.

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“Walking Group”

Come Walk in the Park at Twin Pines Park in Belmont. Walkers meet at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 am at 20 Twin Pines Lane. All levels of walkers are welcome to enjoy their own pace. Reservations not needed. For more information please call: (650) 595-7444.

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“Hearts & Pinochle & More”

“Hearts & Pinochle & More” are available at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center in Belmont. What’s your game?

Hearts & Pinochle are played Wednesdays from 12:30-3:30. Manipulation games are held Mondays from 12:30-4:30. Bridge is played on Thursdays from 12:30-3:30. Poker is played on Thursdays at 12:15. Canasta is played on Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 and Fridays at 1:00.

Deal yourself in for fun and games at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center. Reservations not needed. For more information please call: (650) 595-7444.
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“Welcome Coffee”

You are welcome! A WELCOME COFFEE will be held at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center on Wednesday, January 13th at 10:00 am. Information on all services, classes, clubs and special events offered at the Center will be presented. This is the perfect opportunity to get all the information you need. You will find out about wonderful activities that you will want to participate in. Phone 595-7444 for reservations. Join in the Fun!

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**“Musical Moments Class”**

A Musical Moments class will explore how music relates to the world and to itself in a historical perspective. Belmont’s Twin Pines Senior & Community Center at 20 Twin Pines Lane is offering the class by Instructor, Tina Baird. The class is offered Wednesdays from January 13 th to March 24 th at 10:00 to 11:30 am. Registration and the fee of $30.00 for Seniors is payable to the instructor on the first day of class.

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“Let’s Live Well Workshop”

Take control of chronic conditions with Let’s Live Well Workshop! Learn relaxation techniques and get help with asthma, diabetes, emphysema, heart conditions, hypertension and arthritis. Come to every meeting to get the full benefit and earn a gift card. The workshop is being held every Tuesday beginning January 12th through February 16th from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon at Belmont’s Twin Pines Senior & Community Center, 20 Twin Pines Lane. All supplies and a medical reference book are provided free of charge. Reserve your space by calling the Center at: (650) 595-7444. Free!

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