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City Manager's Weekly Update



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City Hall Administrative Offices will be closed January 16, 2017 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

Holiday and After-Hour Sewer Emergencies

Holidays, weekends, & after-hours

Call Belmont Police (Non-emergency no.)

at **650-595-7400**



This message brought to you by the Public Works Sewer Division



**Want to make a difference in your community and
get involved in local government?**

Consider applying for a City commission.

Planning Commission

There are two openings on the Planning Commission for three-year terms expiring in 2020. 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.

Parks and Recreation Commission

There are four openings for adult seats on the Parks and Recreation Commission for two-year terms. 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 one-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 Manager's or Clerk's Office (One Twin Pines Lane), and return it to the City Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, January 20, 2017. 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.) An electronic copy of the application is acceptable to meet the deadline, but must be followed up by a wet signature copy.

For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 650-595-7413 or the City Manager's Office at 650-595-7408.



Business License Module Conversion

In October, Council approved an Agreement with HdL Companies (HdL) for revenue, audit and recovery services, including business licenses. Effective January 1st, HdL will be handling business licenses for the City. Staff has been working closely with HdL to confirm that all data was accurately converted and that the interface works seamlessly. The City's website has been updated to direct customers to HdL and its interface. Last week, the City went live with HdL and the new process is up and running smoothly with no notable issues. As shown below, HdL has also prepared a letter to licensees explaining the new process.



CITY OF BELMONT

BUSINESS LICENSE CONTACT INFORMATION

Dear Business Owner:

The City of Belmont has always valued its relationship with the business community. We are pleased to announce some changes to our business licensing process that are designed to streamline and enhance the current process.

The City has contracted with the HdL Companies to assist the business community with all their business licensing needs. The HdL Business Support Center will provide the business community with support for all aspects of licensing including application, renewal, payment, certificate issuance, and general support.

The City and HdL are working closely to ensure a seamless transition with little to no impact on our business community. The Business Support Center will also offer a variety of online support options allowing for filing and paying a business license online as well as obtaining copies of forms and other relevant information.

Below you will find contact information for processes and basic procedures for handling your business license:

Apply, Renew, Pay Balance Due, Request Closure, and General Support (Includes Out-of-Town Contractors)	Phone: 650-453-0400 Website: Belmont.hdlgov.com
Payment & Renewal Mailing Address	City of Belmont Business License Processing Center 8839 N. Cedar Ave #212 Fresno, CA 93720
All Questions & Support (Including applications & renewals)	Phone: 650-453-0400 Email: support@hdlgov.com
If you have not received a renewal form in the mail, you may have a new one emailed to you by calling or emailing the Support Center	Phone: 650-453-0400 Email: support@hdlgov.com

Alexander Park Restroom Project Update

The recently constructed Alexander Park restroom was delivered and put into place without incident. It was a delicate operation that was completed very quickly and professionally. It was also a big hit for the neighborhood to see a building being driven down their streets.

We are now waiting for some good weather to finish up the asphalt work and for PG&E to finalize the utility connections. The City is having some additional work done to improve the asphalt pathways to match the new structure and make the park more attractive. Since PG&E is busy with storm damage they have indicated that they may not be able to make the electrical connection until early March. We are trying to get them to move this date up and will keep the Council and community apprised of our progress. In the meantime, the park remains closed because there is an open trench for the utility connection. If we get a spell of good weather and the site allows, we will try and open the park temporarily. Otherwise, expect a completion date of late March or early April 2017.



Belmont Fire Department Badge Pinning Ceremony



The Belmont Fire Department welcomed a new firefighter and promoted two others in a swearing-in & badge pinning ceremony at the City Council meeting on January 10th.

Firefighter Joe Power completed the San Mateo County Fire Academy on November 30th where he received the Directors Award for Academics. Joe is from Woodside and he previously worked in Santa Clara County as a Paramedic in the 911 system as well as at Stanislaus Consolidated Fire as a Fire Intern.

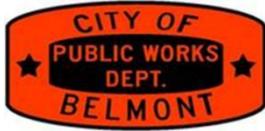
Firefighter Dan Curtis, who was promoted to Fire Captain, joined the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department in 2007 and has been, among other things, a contributing member of a number of committees and has served as the Department's primary personal protective equipment (PPE) Technician.

Fire Captain Jeff Thorne was promoted to Training Battalion Chief as part of the Fire Department's partnership with the Central San Mateo County Fire Training Division. Jeff joined the Belmont-San Carlos Fire Department in 2006 and brings a wide array of firefighting, medical and teaching experience. Additionally, and he's previously served in the training division as a Training Captain and Acting EMS Battalion Chief.

Please join us in welcoming Joe to Belmont and congratulating Dan and Jeff on their promotion.

From Left: Firefighter Joe Power, Fire Captain Dan Curtis, Training Battalion Chief Jeff Thorne, City Clerk Terri Cook & Battalion Chief Kent Thrasher





PUBLIC WORKS WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Rain and Wind Impact Belmont During Early January Storm

As the storms rolled through the area this past week, staff from the Public Works and Parks Departments prepared for what the National Weather Service had called an atmospheric river weather event. Work vehicles were equipped with chainsaws, shovels and other gear to respond to the community's needs. Pre-storm preparatory work, and a little bit of weather luck helped the City avoid the damage experienced other nearby areas. However, moderate to heavy downpours from the storm system still left its mark with localized ponding, downed trees, raging creeks and water level rises at Water Dog Lake. Here is a look at what took place in our City from January 8th through January 11th:

High Water Levels and Debris Disable a Pump at the Hiller Pump Station

On Sunday, the Public Works on-call Staff member received a pump alarm notification at the Hiller Pump Station. The combination of high water levels and "flushable wipes" disabled a pump.

Here's what happens - when the so called flushable wipes are sent down the drain, they tend to get caught up in the system and do not break down. During this rain event, the Hiller Pump Station experienced 3 times the normal amount of water, forcing all the "hung up" wipes to dislodge and enter the pump station facility. This resulted in a clogged pump, leaving the station running on one pump and putting the station in jeopardy. Staff were able to respond and through their quick action prevented this station from overflowing.

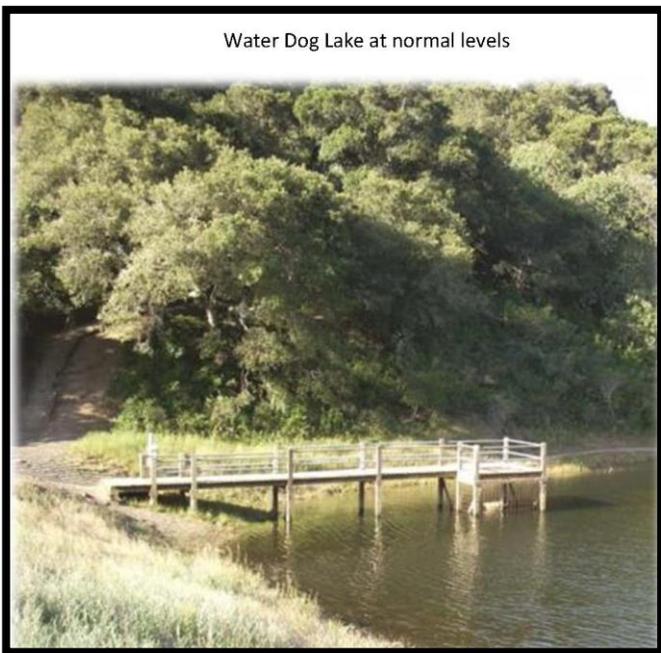
So, what should you do with those so-called "flushable wipes" after using them? Throw them away in the trash where they belong.



Whoa, Whoa Water Dog Lake!

Public Works crews worked diligently behind the scenes monitoring the quick rise in Water Dog Lake. After getting alerted about the lake volume increase, Public Works storm staff went to the lake for monitoring and assessing the lake level. The lake swelled with the influx of rainwater and debris from dead tulies that flowed to the dam inlet. Two of the three discharge pipes under the dock were clogged with this natural debris, resulting in the lake level rising quickly. Water reached a level not seen in many years. The storm crew took action and cleared the debris from the spillway entrance. The rain eventually subsided, and staff is continually monitoring the lake. Once the level drops, the storm crew will be able to assess the cause of blockage and condition of the outlet pipes.

Here is a video of Public Works Storm crew clearing debris from [Water Dog Lake at spillway](#)





Potholes Everywhere

When it rains it pours potholes! Now that the rain has subsided the Streets crew will be working around town to fill potholes that were caused by the recent storm.

What causes a pothole? Water can get under pavement through cracks or from the side of the road. Over time, the water can cause the material under the pavement to erode; causing the pavement to sink down and break under the weight of the vehicles passing over it, and then streets can seem to break out in potholes overnight. That is why there are more potholes after it rains.



More storm snippets



Public Works Crew removed fallen tree from Chula Vista (01-10-17)



Localized ponding @ South and Ralston



Small tree down on Ralston sidewalk

Check out the [video playlist](#) of Belmont Creek and East Laurel Creek during the storm.



Crews cleared upper V-ditch at end of Carlmont Drive



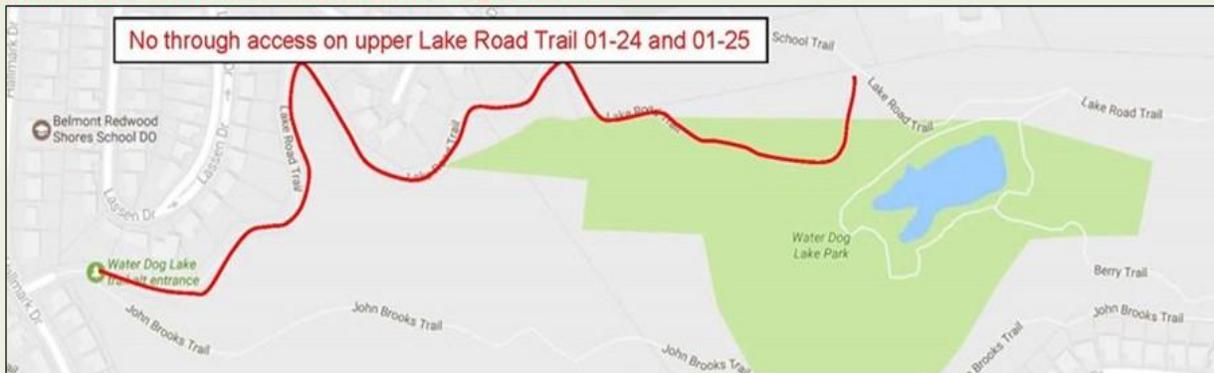
Debris gathered at headwall on Bay Court

Water Dog Lake Road to close January 24-25 for Storm Drain Repair Work

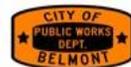
The Storm Division was notified of water flowing underneath a drain pipe on Water Dog Lake Road. Staff performed a video inspection in the storm line and found the bottom of the corrugated pipe had decayed.

Public Works Storm crew will be repairing two 15" storm pipes, approximately 25 feet in length on Tuesday, January 24th and Wednesday, January 25th.

Water dog lake road will be closed 1/3 of the way down from the upper gate at Hallmark. There will be NO through-access.



For more information call Public Works at 650-595-7425



Message brought to you by the Public Works Storm Division

For the latest Traffic Advisories in Belmont, click [here](#)



Crosswalk In-Pavement Lights soon to be replaced with Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon

The City has been experiencing ongoing problems with the In-Roadway Lighting pedestrian crosswalk warning systems. The system presently deployed at 5 locations in Belmont is starting to break-down and require significant resources to keep operational. We have problems with 2 of the 5 locations right now with estimated repair costs of more than \$4,000 per location.

The City of Belmont is planning to replace the existing In-Roadway Lighting systems with Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon systems as failures occur rather than spend our resources repairing our outdated systems. We recently installed one at a mid-block location on Shoreway and are confident that it is a superior system.

Why Change Out Systems?

The in-roadway lighting systems degrade the roadway, are costly (upwards of \$700 each) and require replacement every couple of years. It can also be very disruptive of traffic and dangerous for staff. Approximately half of our present inventory of in-roadway light signs are no longer supported by the manufacturer and will require replacement in the foreseeable future (two currently require replacement at an estimated cost of approximately \$4,000 per location)

The upcoming Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon systems can be installed and serviced without need for staff to be in the roadway. Additionally, they do not degrade the street, and studies have shown they increase driver yield rates 73% over traditional beacon systems. These new systems are substantially less expensive than the current In-Roadway Lighting system we currently use.

Public Works Traffic Operations staff will be removing the following in-roadway lighting systems with the new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon systems within the next few months:

Replacement by March 2017:

- Alameda De Las Pulgas @ The Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM)
- Ralston Avenue @ Villa

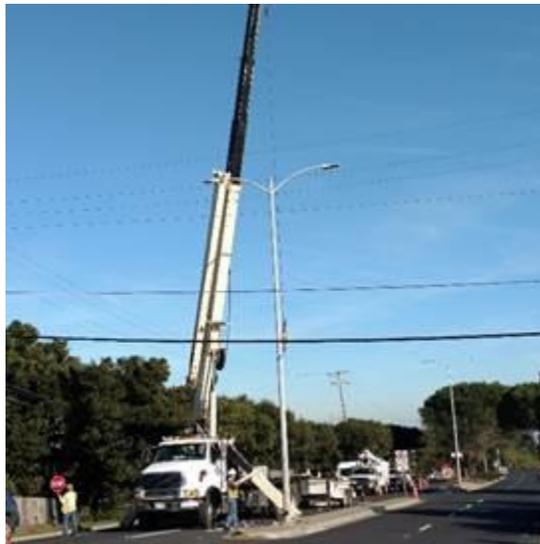
Replacement Summer of 2017

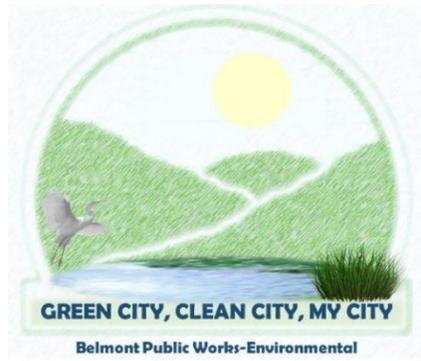
- Alameda De Las Pulgas @ Garden Court
- Ralston Avenue @ Maywood
- Middle Road @ Central Elementary School



Streetlight Pole Replacement Project Update

The streetlight pole replacement project is in progress. The work to remove the wooden poles on Ralston Avenue between El Camino Real and Alameda de las Pulgas has started and should be complete by late February, weather depending.





Save Water, Prevent Stormwater Pollution -Install A Rain Barrel

Did you know you can get up to \$100 rebate when you purchase a rain barrel? In partnership with the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program (a program of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County), BAWSC and participating member agencies are offering rebates of up to \$100 per rain barrel for the purchase and installation of qualifying rain barrels For more information, visit BAWSCA or FLOWSTOBAY for more information.

A promotional graphic for rain barrel rebates. The top section has a white background with green text: "SAVE WATER, SAVE MONEY" followed by a blue ampersand icon, and "GET YOUR RAIN BARREL REBATE". Below this is the URL "flowstobay.org/newsletter" in blue. The bottom section shows a wooden rain barrel being filled with water from a downspout in a garden. The flowstobay.org logo is in the bottom right corner.

Twin Pines Senior & Community Center

Preparations are underway for the 30th anniversary celebration of the construction of the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center. There will be a special exhibit by Belmont Historian Denny Lawhern, live music from the Sons of Emperor Norton Band, and refreshments. Admission is free and open to the community.



Other Agency Reports



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MARK RUFFALO, 2015 JUDGE:

"I was pleasantly surprised by these film makers and all the ways they chose to express themselves. From very high tech pans and low light photography to making a film on an iPhone, animation, pristine editing, moving interviews and personal stories were all used to great effect."

Submit films, PSAs and learn more at www.cleartheairfilmfest.org



(650) 994-5868





#cleartheair2017

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: January 30, 2017 - 5:00 p.m. PST

Screening & Awards: March 4, 2017 - 7:00 pm • New People Cinema, SF

Community Calendars

Twin Pines Community Center

Twin Pines Senior & Community Center ~ January 2017~					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<p>2 Center closed in for New Year's Holiday</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>9:30 Walking Group 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:30 Classic Movie 12:30 Crafts Group 1:00 Sewing & Quilting Group</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:45 Strength Training 9:00 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Spanish Class 11:30 German Conversation 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:30 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Harmony in Action: Belmont Choir 9:30 Rosen Method Movement (S) 9:30 Canasta 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 12:30 Blockbuster Movie 1:00 Art Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 Chair Yoga with Katherine! Mindful Meditation 9:30 11:00 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 BINGO</p>	
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Belmont Public Library

January 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Library Closed	2 Library Closed	3 10:30a Musical Story Time 2p Woodpecker Wants a Waffle 3:30p Kid's Craft Club 7p Lawyers in the Library 7p Mindfulness and Meditation	4 10:30a Computer Class: 3D Printing 12:30p 3D Printing (Regs Req.) 1-5p 3D Printint Extravaganza 2p Fly Guy Party 7p First Wed. Book Group: My Name is Lucy Barton 7p Inclusive Story Time	5 10a Imagination Playground 10:30a ESL Conversation Group 10:30a Toddler Story Time	6 10a Coloring for Adults 10a 3D Reservations 10:30a Preschool Story Time 2p Make Oobleck and Flarp 7p 1st Friday Flicks: <i>The BFG</i>	7 10:30a Family Story Time
8 2p Danny Lyon: Message to the Future	9 Last Day to turn in Winter Learning Challenge! 10:30a Signs & Rhymes Story Time 1p Twin Pines Book Club <i>Girl on a Train</i> 3:30p Lego Club	10 10:30a Musical Story Time 3:30p Kid's Craft Club 6:30p Documentary Club: <i>Something Ventured</i>	11 10:30a Computer Coach 12:30p 3D Printing (Regs Req.) 1:30p Middle School Coding Club 3:30p Drop-In Buttons 7p Inclusive Story Time	12 10a Imagination Playground 10:30a ESL Conversation Group 10:30a Toddler Story Time 2p Mystery Book Club: <i>Broken Promise</i> 4p Middle School Book Club 6:30p Pub Trivia (ages 21+)	13 10a Coloring for Adults 10a 3D Reservations 10:30a Preschool Story Time 4p Science Club	14 10:30a Family Story Time 3p Mindfulness and Meditation
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29	30 10:30a Signs & Rhymes Story Time 3:30p Lego Club	31 10:30a Musical Story Time 3:30p Kid's Craft Club 3:30 BLT Zine Layout Session 7p Maggi's Kitchen Cooking Demonstration				Children's Events Teen Events Adult Events All Ages



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Story Times

Signs and Rhymes--Monday at 10:30am
 Musical--Tuesday at 10:30am
 Inclusive--Wednesday at 7:00pm
 Toddler--Thursday at 10:30am
 Preschool--Friday at 10:30am
 Family--Saturday at 10:30am

After School Activities

Mondays - Lego Club at 3:30pm
 Tuesdays - Craft Club at 3:30pm
 Wednesday - 3D Printing (Registration Required)
 Thursday - Imagination Playground All Day
 Friday - Science Club at 4pm

Woodpecker Wants a Waffle

Tuesday, Jan 3 at 2pm
 Woodpecker wants a waffle and will do anything to get one! Come listen to this wonderful tale and see if Woodpecker can get that waffle! Waffles will be available!

Fly Guy Party

Wednesday, Jan 4 at 2pm
 Celebrate Fly Guy with trivia, a relay, puzzles and snack. Come dressed as Fly Guy if you dare!

Make Oobleck and Flarp

Friday, Jan 6 at 2pm
 Is Oobleck a liquid or a solid? Compare these two substances and find out!

Paws for Tales

Tuesday, Jan 17, at 6:30pm - 3rd Tues of every month
 Have a reluctant reader? Children can gain confidence and improve their reading skills by reading aloud to a therapy dog. Trained therapy dogs and their handlers from the Peninsula Humane Society and the SPCA visit. To make 10 minute appointment, please call the Belmont Library at (650) 591-8286 or ask at the Library's information desk.

Lunar New Year Celebration with Challenge School

Saturday Jan 28 at 2:30pm
 Join us in celebrating the Lunar New Year with performances by Challenge School students.

Lunar New Years Lantern Riddles

Friday Jan 27- Saturday Feb 4
 Celebrate Lunar New Years with Lantern Riddles. We will have riddles for kids to solve throughout the week. Solve them to win a red envelope!

Winter Learning

Monday, Jan 9
 It's the last day to turn in your reading logs and claim your prize! Logs will be entered into a raffle for a family pass to the California Academy of Science and teen logs will be entered to win an Instax camera. We will collect completed logs all day.

Mindfulness and Meditation

Tuesday, Jan 3, and Saturday Jan 14 at 7:00pm
 The elections are over. The holidays are over. Now it is time to de-stress.

Danny Lyon: Message to the Future

Sunday, Jan 8 at 2pm
 The first comprehensive retrospective of the career of Danny Lyon, the exhibition highlights Lyon's concern with the welfare of individuals considered by many to be on the margins of society.

Computer Class: Don't be Duped: Distinguishing Real News from Fake News

Wednesday, Jan 18 at 10:30am
 This workshop's purpose is to raise awareness for the rising amount of inaccurate news threads being posted on the Internet.

Maturing Gracefully: Seventy Strong

Monday, Jan 23 at 12pm
 Connecting seniors to support groups, enrichment classes, hospitals, home care, housing, volunteer opportunities, transportation, community clinics, social groups, and food services. A light lunch will be served, courtesy of the Belmont Library.

Miggi's Kitchen Cooking Demonstration

Tuesday, Jan 31 at 7pm
 To celebrate Lunar New Year, Chef Miggi Demeyer will prepare food samples. She will demonstrate: spring rolls with plum sauce, braised beef shank, cold cuts with master sauce, three cup chicken.

Middle School Book Club

Thursday, Jan 12 at 4pm
 Come to our first ever Middle School Book Club! We'll meet in the Taube room to discuss our favorite books and pick a book to read for next month's meeting. We'll meet ever second Thursday of the month. Email ng@smcl.org if you're interested in joining!

MCCTV Movie Making Workshop

Wednesday, Jan 18 at 4pm
 Want to learn how to make a short video for fun, Youtube, school, or the SMCL Teen Film Festival contest? Staff from Millbrae Community Television will teach you how to use video cameras or cell phones and free software to create and edit high quality videos. Grades 6-12.

Murder Mystery Afternoon

Wednesday, Jan 25 at 3:30pm
 Ever wanted to be a part of a murder mystery novel? Here's your chance! Pick a character from a hat and act your part while trying to solve the mystery! Snacks will be provided. Grades 6-12.

Life Hacks: How-To-Life

Thursday, Jan 26 at 3:30pm
 Are you confused about how-to-life? Us too! Learn how to budget & pay bills, do taxes, make home repairs, and do laundry without anything shrinking! Snacks will be served. Grades 6-12.

YaNovCon @ Millbrae Library

Saturday, Jan 28 at 1pm
 Our second annual Young Adult Novelist Convention (YANovCon) at the Millbrae Library! YANovCon is your exclusive connection to some of today's top authors of books for middle and high school youth (and everyone else who can appreciate these amazing talents). This free half-day celebration includes panel discussions, author hangouts, and book signings with the following YA novelists: Neal Shusterman, Andrew Smith, Jessica Brody, Mariko Tamaki, Alexis Bass, Martha Brockenbrough, I.W. Gregorio, Ann Jacobus, Stephanie Kuehn, and Gretchen McNeil. Stay in touch with us and receive the latest author updates by following #YANovCon on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Vine. RSVP to attend YANovCon 2017 and be entered for a chance to win free books! We encourage carpooling and using public transit. All those who do so will have an additional chance to get free books.