



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

~Greg Scoles, City Manager

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Update

To Mayor and Council:

We received a nice note from one of our residents about the quick response by our Public Works crews in correcting several trip hazards on the sidewalks leading to Fox Elementary School. The neighbor was very happy with the response by the crews. Great job!

The Council's action last Tuesday to approve a contract with the Cities of San Mateo and Foster City for management oversight of the Belmont Fire Department should prove to be very beneficial to the ongoing success of the Department. The contract will have Belmont sharing a Fire Chief and Battalion Chiefs with the San Mateo and Foster City and should save the Department around \$500,000 per year while at the same time maintaining our own Fire Captains, Firefighters and Deputy Chief who will manage the Belmont Fire Department. It is anticipated that this collaborative arrangement for fire management oversight will result in additional opportunities to share services and to improve the operation of the Department. This is an exciting change and Chief Fry and the other members of the Department were very instrumental in making this new contract a reality.

Rethink Waste announced this week that they will be providing a new, free, plastic bag recycling program at Shoreway's Public Recycling Center. The program launches today in honor of America Recycles Day. There is a press release attached with more details.

Finally, our own Chief Dan DeSmidt was recently named Police Officer of the Year by the San Mateo County Trial Lawyers Association. Congratulations Dan on a job well done.

Greg

Important Dates

- Nov. 22-23rd Thanksgiving Holiday (City Hall Offices Closed)
- Nov. 27th Regular Council Meeting
- Dec. 11th Council Reorganization (Regular Meeting)
- Dec. 24th -Jan. 1st City Hall Closed



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Successor Agency Update:

On November 8, 2012 the City received a letter from the Department of Finance approving the Due Diligence Review (i.e. audit) of the former Belmont Redevelopment Agency's Low-Moderate Income Housing Fund ("LMIHF"). With this approval the City has reached another significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to wind down the affairs of the former redevelopment agency in accordance with state law. The City, serving as the Successor Agency, can now remit the balance of the LMIHF to San Mateo County for redistribution to the appropriate taxing entities. The City is now initiating work on a Due Diligence Review of all other former redevelopment agency funds that must be reviewed and approved by the Belmont Oversight Board, and submitted to the Department of Finance, by January 2013.

SB 1186 Compliance

On September 19th, the Governor signed a bill (SB 1186), which imposes a \$1.00 state fee on all local business license applicants, including renewals. This fee is to be collected by cities effective January 1, 2013 and will remain in effect until December 31, 2018. The City will retain 70% of the fees collected, 5% of which is allowed to be used for administration of the law, and the remaining 65% will be spent on outreach and training of staff in an effort to improve access for persons with disabilities and remove potential liabilities for Belmont business and commercial property owners. The remaining 30% will be sent to the State for deposit in the Disability Access and Education Revolving Fund.

To comply with the new law, the Finance Department has established this new charge in the business license system and updated the related forms with the required disclosures.

Street Sweeping Schedule Changes For Thanksgiving Week

<u>Normal Sweeping Day</u>	<u>Thanksgiving Holiday Schedule</u>
Monday, November 19 th	No change in day
Tuesday, November 20 th	No change in day
Wednesday, November 21 st	No change in day-may be later than normal
Thursday, November 22 nd	No change in day-may be later than normal
Friday, November 23 rd	No change in day-may be later than normal



A friendly reminder to move your vehicle(s) off the street the night before your scheduled sweeping day.

Ralston Avenue Culvert Repair Completed

Public Works contractor, J. Howard Engineering completed the Ralston Avenue Culvert Repair Thursday within budget. New concrete foundations were poured at both sides of the masonry walls where the voids had developed. A new concrete slab and short side wall were also constructed with reinforcement for the full length of the arch structure to protect the culvert from future scouring. Staff will draft a staff report to Council for final acceptance of the project. The certified biologist will prepare a final monitoring report to the State and Federal agencies for closing out the creek permits.



Pre-Construction



During Construction



After Construction

Public Works Now Has a QR Code

The Public Works Department has acquired a QR Code, short for Quick Response which is quickly read by a cell phone. These codes are used to take a piece of information from a transitory media and put it in to your cell phone. Once it is in your cell phone, it may give you details about that business or show you a URL which you can click to see. Public Works' QR Code is linked to our Facebook page where you can "Like" us for instant access with up to date information such as road closures, projects, events, and more. You can also follow us on Twitter.

For more information on what Public Works is doing in our community, scan the matrix barcode below.



Parks and Recreation Survey

The Belmont Parks and Recreation Department has developed an electronic survey to get feedback from the community on Belmont's parks and recreational opportunities. Staff worked with the Parks and Recreation Commission to develop the survey that includes questions about which recreational features citizens would like to prioritize in Belmont. The hope is that the survey informs staff and the Commission about the current state of our recreational facilities and helps to identify what features are missing. These surveys also help with discussions related to the Barrett Community Center. Staff is using the Survey Monkey tool to develop, tabulate, and analyze the results. This is a very cost effective way to get feedback. The link will be posted on the website, the Department's Facebook page, the Ralston signboard, and through a press release. The survey will be available through December.

The survey is available at the website below.

Please take the survey yourself and send the link to friends and neighbors.

[Belmont-ParksandRecSurvey](#)

Downtown Belmont Breakfast Forum

On Thursday November 15th, the City hosted the Downtown Belmont Breakfast Forum. This event, sponsored by the Grand Boulevard Initiative (GBI), San Mateo County Health System, and Greenbelt Alliance, was attended by Belmont residents, business and property owners, and elected and appointed officials. The forum was tied to the City's ongoing work serving as a case study city for the GBI's Economic and Housing Opportunities Study (ECHO). The three panelists presented information on the potential for development and growth in downtown Belmont from three different perspectives: economic development, urban design, and public health. The feedback from the event, along with the consultant research and findings, will be used to further the City's work on the Belmont Village Zoning guidelines and the General Plan update.



Parks and Recreation Annual Holiday Craft Faire

Belmont Parks & Recreation is proud to present our annual Holiday Craft Faire at Twin Pines Park! With more than 50 vendors, live entertainment, refreshments, and free admission, this is our biggest Craft Faire yet! Get your holiday shopping done early with these unique, hand-crafted items produced by local artists around the bay area.



HOLIDAY Craft Faire

Saturday & Sunday
November 17 & 18
10am-4pm

Twin Pines Senior & Community Center
Twin Pines Lodge, Twin Pines Cottage
Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, CA

Great gifts for your family and friends!
Our annual Holiday Craft Faire features local artists and crafts persons offering a wide selection of holiday gifts and decorations. Lovely handmade items, jewelry, items for the home and more will be available to purchase. Bring the whole family!

Refreshments & Entertainment
Free Admission


www.belmont.gov
(650) 595-7441

*"Enhancing the quality of life
for the community."*

The poster features a green background with white snowflake and starburst graphics. It includes circular images of holiday-themed items: a box of fruit, a wrapped gift, a snowman, and a pudding. The text is primarily in white and red on a dark red rounded rectangle.

Public Announcements

Storm drain covered with debris?

Please contact Public Works at 595-7425

Additional Information~



Remember to use your **green container** for branches and yard clippings; do not place yard debris into the gutter or roadway.



Need sandbags? The City of Belmont has two "fill your own" sites for residents in need of sandbags. Sand and bags are available anytime 7-days a week (shovels provided) at the following locations:

110 Sem Lane - Belmont Corporation Yard

2701 Cipriani Boulevard - Fire Station 15 (beginning Nov. 1st)



["Bag It" Movie Encourages Change](#)

Wednesday night's free public showing of the movie "Bag It- Is your life to Plastic" was well received by attendees. There were approximately 15-20 residents that came to see the 45 -minute documentary on the impact plastic has in our environment. A discussion was held immediately following the movie, attendees were very engaged in the discussion that lasted almost 40 minutes. Everyone that came out to watch the movie was given a reusable Chico bag made of recycled bottles. Most, if not all viewers wanted to make a change and reduce plastic in their lives/community. Special thanks to the following people that helped host this movie:

Kathleen Beasley-Belmont Public Library

Mary Austin-San Mateo County Environmental Health

Diane Lynn-City of Belmont Public Works Department



Did you miss this showing? No worries, there will be another showing around Earth Day, 2013. Day and Time to be announced.

[Click on picture to watch movie trailer](#)

NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 30, 2012

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6th Annual Beautiful Belmont Awards Program

Belmont, CA - The City of Belmont City Council proudly announces the upcoming 6th Annual presentation of the Beautiful Belmont Awards Program at the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 11th at 7:30 PM and is calling for any nominations from the community in both Residential and Commercial categories.

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.

City Manager Greg Scoles states, "This program is an excellent opportunity to let the community know how much the City appreciates their effort to help make Belmont one of the most beautiful communities on the Peninsula."

For more information on the Beautiful Belmont Awards Program, to submit a nomination, or to obtain a nomination form, please call the Finance Department at 595-7433 or look on the City of Belmont website at www.belmont.gov.

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FREE PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING AT SHOREWAY
Program Kicks Off on America Recycles Day

SAN CARLOS, CA – November 15, 2012 – In honor of America Recycles Day, RethinkWaste and South Bay Recycling (SBR) are announcing that plastic bags can be dropped off for recycling at the Shoreway Environmental Center’s Public Recycling Center in San Carlos starting today. Referred to as “film plastic,” the types of accepted plastic bags include grocery, dry cleaning, produce, bread and frozen food bags – basically any type of plastic bag that stretches when pulled. Shrink wrap is also accepted. The bags and shrink wrap must be clean and empty, with no food inside.

“We are excited to offer this new recycling service for a difficult to handle item that is now so common place in the waste stream,” noted Kevin McCarthy, Executive Director of RethinkWaste. We also continue to support our Member Agencies efforts and other public policy efforts to limit the use of plastic bags and support reusable bags and other more sustainable forms of packaging.”

The Public Recycling Center also accepts a number of other items for recycling and also includes a Buy-Back area for California Redemption Value bottles and cans. The center is open to the general public, including businesses, for buy-back items and some drop off items, but some limitations apply to universal waste items such as batteries and fluorescent tubes.

The following is the list of items that are also accepted for free at the Public Recycling Center, in addition to film plastic:

- Cardboard*
- Mixed paper
- Glass
- Cans
- Plastic containers #1-7
- Used motor oil filters
- Used motor oil (up to 15 gallons)
- Hard and soft cover books
- Scrap metal
- Used motor antifreeze (up to 10 gallons)
- Latex paint (up to 10 gallons)
- Electronics (computers, TVs, cell phones, etc.)
- Household and car batteries
- Sharps (must be in authorized sharps container)
- Cooking oil (residential only up to 15 gallons)
- Clothing
- Working household goods
- Fluorescent light tubes (household only, 6 tubes per visit, must be less than 6ft)

*There is also a purchase program for clean cardboard from customers with large volumes. A minimum of 300 pounds of clean cardboard is required for payment.

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MEMBER AGENCIES: Town of Atherton • City of Belmont • City of Burlingame • City of East Palo Alto • City of Foster City • Town of Hillsborough
City of Menlo Park • City of Redwood City • City of San Carlos • City of San Mateo • County of San Mateo • West Bay Sanitary District

America Recycles Day, held annually on November 15th, is the only nationally recognized day and community-driven national awareness event dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States. Many communities hold local events throughout the country to celebrate and educate the public on recycling programs on or around this day.

The plastic bag recycling program at the Public Recycling Center is the latest in an ongoing effort by RethinkWaste and its contractors to provide as many opportunities as possible to keep materials out of the landfill. The Public Recycling Center is open Mondays through Saturdays from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, and can be accessed through Gate 1 at Shoreway, located at 333 Shoreway Road, San Carlos. Please visit www.RethinkWaste.org/shoreway-facility or www.SBrecycling.net for more information on the Public Recycling Center and the Shoreway Environmental Center.

RethinkWaste

Rethink Waste is a joint powers authority of twelve public 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, California and is a leader in the delivery of innovative waste reduction and recycling programs. RethinkWaste owns and manages the Shoreway Environmental Center which receives all the recyclables, organic materials, and materials (i.e. solid waste) collected in its service area. RethinkWaste also provides strategic oversight, support and management of service providers that collect, process, recycle and dispose of materials for its Member Agencies. RethinkWaste (i.e., South Bayside Waste Management Authority) was formed in 1982. For more information on RethinkWaste, please visit our website at www.RethinkWaste.org or follow us at www.Facebook.com/rethinkwaste or www.Twitter.com/rethinkwaste.

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