



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

~Greg Scoles, City Manager

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To Mayor and Council:

The election on Tuesday resulted in a number of local revenue measures being approved in the State. This link will take you to the California Finance document that outlines the success/failure of all of the measures statewide: [Link](#) It is interesting to note that even in these difficult financial times, voters are willing to support tax measures to fund needed services.

Staff is in the process of creating a specific website/link for the City's San Juan Property that will provide background on the project, developer presentations, previous staff reports, and project/public meeting information. The website link is anticipated to go live later next week. Staff will also be coordinating a meeting with interested residents of the surrounding neighborhood to provide further background/education on the project goals, developer selection process, and next steps. Recently, one of the Developer Groups, MingStan, withdrew their proposal for consideration by the Council. Staff is preparing selection criteria to assist the Council with potential Master Developer selection and terms of an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) for the project. Staff will provide a subsequent update as to the anticipated City Council meeting for consideration of the project.

As mentioned in last week's update the **San Mateo 'Smart Corridor' Project** ground breaking was held on Tuesday Nov. 6th. The project will use technology to battle traffic congestion. Once completed, emergency responders, local agencies, and Caltrans will benefit from improved communication and coordination because they will all have access to the same information. When a traffic incident occurs, motorists will be provided real-time information to help them choose the most efficient way to get to their destination and reduce the number of motorist taking local streets and impacting our neighborhoods in an attempt to bypass the incident. See the press release at the end of this update for more information about this exciting project.

The Public Works staff has initiated discussions with Redwood City to take the next steps in moving forward with the Ralston Ave and Highway 101 Interchange landscape Improvement project. As you recall due to project budget concerns the project was put on hold. Staff will be exploring design and funding options acceptable to both agencies, given the current funding realities.

On Tuesday's Council agenda is an item to provide Council with an update on some important SBSA capital improvement progress, and discussion and direction about moving ahead on selecting a preferred site for the required Belmont Pump Station in the South Bayside System Authority's conveyance system.

Dan Child, South Bayside System Authority Manager will be at the meeting to discuss the alternatives with the Council.

This week four of our employees agreed to step forward and volunteer to work in a mentoring program with Carlmont High School. I want to thank them for agreeing to again participate in this important program. As you know these type of mentoring programs can have a profound impact on young peoples' lives and I'm very proud that we have employees, like Cora Dino, Tony Psaila, Defrance McLemore and Mark Nolfi, in our organization that recognize the benefits of this type of service. Thank you again for your commitment to our community.

Just a reminder that the November Council of Cities dinner and meeting is next week Friday the 16th. The meeting is in Half Moon Bay at the Moonraker restaurant. The Flyer is attached. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Finally, Monday is Veterans Day and City Hall will be closed. We shouldn't forget that this day honors the duty, sacrifice and service of America's veterans of all wars.

Have a great weekend and Veterans Day.

Greg

Important Dates

- Nov. 12th VETERAN'S DAY – City Hall Closed
- Nov. 13th Regular Council Meeting ([AGENDA](#))
- Nov. 16th Council of Cities Pacifica
- 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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Park and Recreation News

Welcome Natalie Gore –Senior Lunch Coordinator

Natalie Gore has joined the Parks and Recreation Department staff working part time as a Senior Lunch Coordinator. She lives in South San Francisco where she serves on the Governing Board of the South San Francisco Housing Authority. She is currently attending law school at San Francisco Law and holds a Master's Degree in Non-Profit Administration. Natalie has worked for years in non-profit programs and is looking forward to contributing to the programs at the Twin Pines Senior & Community Center.



TRI-Cities Adult Softball League



In an effort to initiate the provision of shared services with neighboring agencies, the Parks & Recreation Department identified the adult softball leagues as an opportunity to do just that. The City of Belmont, City of Foster City, and the City of San Mateo entered into a one year partnership agreement for the operation of their adult softball leagues for the Spring, Summer and Fall 2012 seasons. Under the terms of the agreement the City of San Mateo serves in the capacity of League Administrator. By combining the adult softball leagues into one tri-cities adult league, the three participating agencies are experiencing cost savings benefits through shared services, while continuing to provide recreational opportunities for the adult community in each of the participating cities. Another benefit realized from the agreement, is the positive exposure to the City of Belmont athletic facilities for new participants in the league, as some league games are held at the Belmont Sports Complex (South Field). Many of the league participants have commented, ***"The Sports Complex field is their favorite field to play on"***. While there have been some challenges related to timely communication between the participating agencies, the shared services partnership has proven to be beneficial for all.

Clear Channel Electronic Billboard Project

Earlier today, the applicants submitted their development review application for the proposed location of the Clear Channel electronic digital billboard at the City's Sports Complex property. The application entails a Conceptual Development Plan Amendment (CDP) for the Planned Development (PD) Zoned site. A Detailed Development Plan (DDP) application will be submitted at a later date, upon completion of the CDP process. The selected Environmental Consultant, Lamphier-Gregory, will begin preparation of the project Environmental Study tasks later next week. Staff will update the Council as to the anticipated dates for public hearing review by the Planning Commission and the City Council.



Information Services will be meeting with the website vendor selection group at the end of this week to discuss some new information on our short-list of vendors. It is anticipated that a final decision will be reached to determine the recommended website vendor for this project.

Website Project



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Off The Grid – Belmont



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City-Wide Sanitary Sewer Root Foaming Maintenance-Update

The City-wide sanitary sewer root foaming was completed November 9th. Dukes Root Foaming (City's contractor) treated 58,150 feet of 6" and 8" sewer main throughout the city in an ongoing effort to conduct preventative maintenance on the City's sanitary sewer mains. We like to thank all the residents who had to provide access to their properties for this work.



2012 Capital pavement Project Update

The 2012 Capital Pavement Project's major construction operation is substantially complete. The contractor has some minor remaining work on Ralston Avenue during the next couple of weeks weather permitting. We also like to take this opportunity to thank the traveling public for their patience during our work on Ralston Ave.

For any questions, please contact Public Works at 595-7425



Ralston Culvert Repair

The contractor for the Ralston Avenue Culvert Repair Project has finished installing reinforcements and is ready for pouring concrete. Because of the chance of raining next week, Public Works has authorized pouring concrete on Monday which is a City's holiday. This will avoid problems such as water overflowing in the culvert that can destroy some of the formworks. A certified biologist will be on site to check the construction to comply with State and Federal regulations.



Free Public Movie Showing- "Bag It"- Is Your Life Too Plastic?"

With the county-wide Reusable Bag Ordinance gearing up to go into effect, The City of Belmont, Belmont Public Library, and San Mateo County would like to raise awareness among consumers of the impacts plastic bags have on the environment and encourage usage of reusable bags.



Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 14th, as we will be presenting a 45-minute free movie showing of "**Bag It**" – Follow an average American who decides to give up using plastic grocery bags, and learning more than he ever dreamed about plastics in our lives, our waterways, and our bodies. Winning several Film Festival Awards, this documentary is sure to entertain and inform. A discussion will follow the showing. [Reusable Chico bags will be given out to the first 50 people in attendance.](#)

For more information, contact Diane Lynn at 595-7425.

When: Wednesday, November 14th, from 7-8:30pm

Where: Taube Room, Belmont Library (1110 Alameda de las Pulgas).

[MOVIE TRAILER](#)

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


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for the community."*

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)



Coats for Kids Drop-off Locations

The City of Belmont will be participating in this year's Coats for Kids program to collect new and gently used coats to donate to those in need of a warm coat during the cold weather season. Coat collection containers will be placed at the [Belmont Library](#) and [Belmont City Hall](#) on Monday, November 5th through Friday, November 9th. For additional information on how you can help visit [Recology San Mateo County](#)



Press Release



Date: November 7, 2012

District: 4 - Oakland

Contact: Gidget Navarro
(510) 286-5574



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

San Mateo 'Smart Corridor' Project Will Use Technology to Battle Traffic Congestion

SAN MATEO COUNTY – Who knew freeways and streets could be smart? The people who started work today on the San Mateo Smart Corridor Project, that's who.

When complete, this project will apply the latest traffic management technology along 20 miles of State Route 82 (El Camino Real) from San Bruno to Menlo Park and on local streets in San Mateo County.

We're working together to help people get to where they are going easier and faster," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. "This is a good example of how technology can help us make better use of the roads we already have."

This \$35 million dollar project, which is scheduled to be completed by fall 2013, received \$17.5 million in funding from Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved transportation bond. In total, nearly \$14.6 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been distributed statewide.

The traffic tech tools – known as Intelligent Transportation Systems – include a fiber optic fiber optic communication system that will connect to Caltrans' Transportation Management Center in Oakland and 10 San Mateo County cities; electronic message signs that guide motorists through detour routes during freeway incidents; sensors providing information about the volume of traffic at specific locations; and closed circuit television cameras allowing Caltrans and the 10 cities to look at the traffic flow and determine the most effective way to reroute motorists during major congestion.

"Drivers will benefit from this innovative use of technology," said Rich Napier, Executive Director of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County. "When a traffic incident occurs, motorists will be provided with real-time information to help them choose whether to remain on the highway, choose a detour, or travel to the nearest public transit station."

One of the major benefits of the project is that it will link more than 250 state and local traffic signals – enabling the signal timing to be adjusted remotely to better manage the flow of traffic during incidents, eliminating the need to drive to the signal to make adjustments.

The project also will improve communication and coordination among emergency responders, local agencies, and Caltrans because they will all have access to the same information.

"We are excited to be a part of this cooperative effort to improve travel in San Mateo County," said Bijan Sartipi, Caltrans District 4 Director. "Smart corridor projects are an important component of Bay Area mobility and Caltrans is working with its partners to blaze a trail on this promising new technology."

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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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