



CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY UPDATE

~Greg Scoles, City Manager

September 7, 2012

To: Mayor and Council:

This was a shortened work week due to the Labor Day Holiday but there still are a few activities to report on.

At next Tuesday's Council Meeting you will be considering the application by Crystal Spring Upland School to locate their middle school on Davis Drive and a proposal by the Fire Department to establish a consistent Wildland-Urban Interface Area for properties in very high fire hazard severity zones. In addition you will be receiving an update on the status of the City-owned San Juan Hills property and the potential for selection of a developer of this important piece of property.

I want to thank Jozi Plut, Colleen Turning, and the rest of the Administrative Staff along with the Information Services Staff for their assistance in getting this week's Council Packet put together and out on the web. This was a very complicated packet and they did a great job pulling it together in a way that will be useful to the Council, Staff and the Public. Thank you all for your good work.

It is starting to feel a lot like fall with Belmont Youth Soccer having its Opening Ceremonies at the Sports Complex on Saturday at 9am and everyone is invited. This is always a fun event and this year Chief DeSmidt will be participating. I wonder if Dan knows that there are no bats or balls used in this sport? ([AYSO Opening Day](#))

On a more sobering note, this week California Highway Patrol Officer Kenyon M. Youngstrom died, after being shot while conducting a routine traffic stop alongside Interstate 680 in Walnut Creek. Officer Youngstrom is the 223rd CHP officer to be killed in the line of duty since 1929. He was a member of the CHP for seven years and is survived by his wife and four children (ages 16, 13, 10, and 5). Members of the Belmont Police Department will attend the memorial which is scheduled to take place next week.

This Sunday September 9th, the annual San Mateo County Public Safety Memorial is being held at NDNU starting at 10 am. In honor of Officer Youngstrom and all public safety personnel who have died in the line of duty, City Hall flags are being flown at half-staff through Monday, Sept 10th. My personal gratitude goes out to all of our public safety personnel who have dedicate themselves, tirelessly and without consideration for their own safety, to the essential role of safeguarding the citizens of our community. Thank you for your service.

Greg

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Important Dates

- Sept. 11th Regular Council Meeting ([Agenda](#))
- Sept. 15th CA Coastal Cleanup Day-Belmont Creeks to Bay
- Sept. 25th Regular Council Meeting
- Sept. 27th 6th Annual Principal’s Luncheon
- Sept. 28th Council of Cities Meeting - Belmont
- Oct. 8th Columbus Day – City Hall Closed
- Oct. 9th Regular Council meeting
- Oct. 14th 10th Annual *Save the Music* – Twin Pines Park



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Stairs Repaired at Ralston Avenue at Hallmark Drive

The Public Works Street Maintenance Division recently made repairs to the asphalt stairs that connect Ralston Avenue to Belmont Canyon Road at Hallmark Drive. As part of the repairs, the top set of stairs, from Ralston Avenue to the first landing, has been eliminated. Caution tape has temporarily been placed across the area to redirect pedestrians onto the existing pathway. These repairs have made the area safer for pedestrians use.



Cipriani Dog Park Project

Construction is complete at the Cipriani Dog Park and is open to the public. The contractor has finished the grading, the shade structure is built, the water features in place, and the new fences are up. Staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission are planning an open house for all on Friday September 21, 2012 at 6 p.m. Refreshments will be served and staff will give tours of the improvements to the site. City Council and Commissioners are encouraged to attend to highlight this newly improved project.

Pedestrian Bicycle Bridge Wins ASCE Awards



The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) San Francisco Section recently informed staff that the US Highway 101/Ralston Avenue Pedestrian Bicycle Bridge project has been selected to receive two awards: Bridge Engineering Project of the Year and Small Project of the Year. The project will be recognized at the annual Section Meeting taking place on September 20th at the City Club in San Francisco. The Section Annual Awards are about recognizing those organizations that deliver excellence and inspire others through outstanding contributions in the field of Civil Engineering.

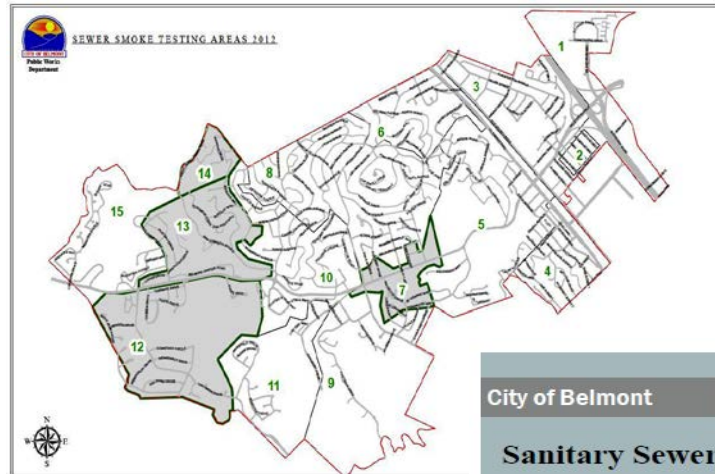


Smoke Testing

The fourth and last basin to be smoke tested this year, will take place the week of September 10th and is expected to be completed in two weeks. Public Works staff hand delivered door hangers and a teleminder notification is set to go out to residents notifying them of the upcoming smoke testing in their area. With the completion of Basin 14, over 1,500 parcels will have been smoke tested this year.

The [Belmont webpage](#) has information on smoke testing in the form of maps, frequently asked questions, videos, links, notification letter and other miscellaneous information pertaining to smoke testing.

(Click [here](#) to view the Smoke Testing web page).



City of Belmont

**Sanitary Sewer System
Smoke Testing**

FAQ's



Department of Public Works
Tel: 650-595-7425

Public Safety

- On 8/31 Officers responded to the home of a suicidal teen who had barricaded himself in his bedroom with weapons. Officers eventually entered the bedroom and stopped the boy when he attempted to jump out of the second story window.
- On 9/4 Officers arrested a man who attempted to fraudulently obtain prescription medication at a Belmont pharmacy. A subsequent search of his vehicle revealed numerous false prescriptions and related paraphernalia.
- On 9/5 officers responded to the Sports Complex and administered CPR on a Cardiac Arrest victim until he was transported to the hospital by paramedics.
- On 9/6 a nightshift officer located a stolen vehicle while patrolling a residential neighborhood.

Happening Around our City and Beyond



AYSO 2012 Season Opening Day Celebration

Jaime Dal Porto and with Steve Kelley Co-Regional Commissioners for Region 108 - Belmont Redwood Shores AYSO cordially invite you to the opening day celebration for the 2012 season!

Saturday, September 8 at 9 a.m. at the Belmont Sports complex.

We are excited for our opening day, to recognize all the volunteer time spent thus far and to be spent going forward as well as see the excitement and fun on the kid's faces as they parade through.



Fall Compost Give-Away

Compost give-away for Belmont residents will take place Saturday, September 8th, at the Belmont City Hall Parking Lot. At no charge residents can pick up to one (1) cubic yard of compost, equivalent to six garbage bags. The compost is made from yard trimmings, which contains carbon and nitrogen for plant growth, and composted locally at a nearby composting facility.



Happening Around our City and Beyond

California Coastal Clean-Up Day



Belmont Creeks to Bay

Saturday, September 15th 9-noon

EVERY PIECE OF TRASH YOU REMOVE
REVEALS SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL



Save The Date! Annual Coastal Cleanup –Belmont Creeks To Bay

Are you ready for the annual Belmont Creeks to Bay Cleanup?

We are! Come join Public Works Staff to keep our bay and creek trash free, and to maintain its natural beauty.

For More information [Click here](#)



Join your fellow friends, family, service groups and neighbors, learn about the impacts of litter and have fun!

All cleanup supplies are provided, however, to reduce our waste we encourage everyone to bring their own reusable bag, bucket and/or gloves.

Refreshments

Rain Barrel Raffle

Event Location:

Meet at One Twin Pines Lane-City Hall

(Upon sign-in, volunteers will go to various locations throughout the city)

For more information or to volunteer~
Please contact Diane Lynn at 650-595-7425
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