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CITY OF BELMONT COUNCIL REORGANIZATION



**You are Cordially Invited to the
2016 Council Reorganization
Selection of
Mayor and Vice Mayor**

December 13, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, Belmont City Hall

Reception following in the EOC

Belmont Fire Department 2016 Santa at the Firehouse & Toy Drive



The Belmont Fire Department wants to remind residents that their annual Toy Drive for children in need is in full swing. As part of this effort the department will be hosting their annual Open House at Fire Station 14, located at 911 Granada Street on Thursday, December 15th, 2016 from 5:30pm-8:00pm. The event will include an opportunity to visit Santa, play in the snow tour the firehouse, meet your local firefighters and enjoy some refreshments. Although not required, people attending the open house are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy to support the toy drive.

Additionally, anyone wishing to donate toys between now and December 25th can drop them off at either of the two fire stations:

- Station 14- 911 Granada Street (corner of Granada St. & Ralston Ave.)
- Station 15- 2701 Cipriani Boulevard (corner of Cipriani Blvd. & Ralston Ave.)



We accept new, unwrapped toys such as dolls, puzzles, board games, toy trucks/cars and action figures. Please do not give DVD's or video games, as we never know what technology the child has access to. Also, we are unable to accept bicycles. For further information on the Belmont Firefighters Toy Drive please contact the Belmont Fire Department Administrative Office at (650) 595-7492.

Winter Holiday Fire Safety Tips



The Belmont Fire Department wants to remind residents and businesses of the importance of safety to ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), two of every five home decoration fires are started by candles and nearly half occur because decorations are placed too close to a heat source. Some suggestions when decorating include:

- Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Replace any string of lights with work or broken cords or loose bulb connections.



More detailed information can be found at the Belmont Fire Department's website by [clicking here](#).

County-wide Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Program



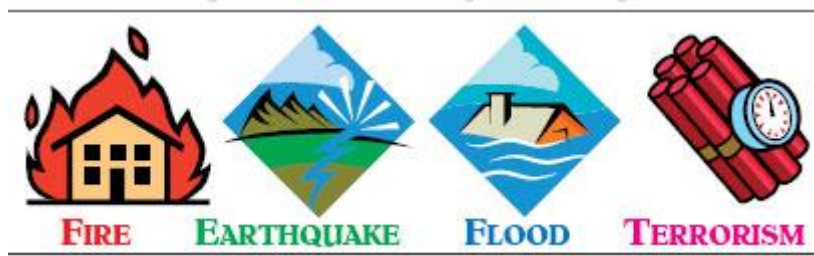
In October of 1973, a resident found a desk-sized metal container in a vacant lot in Belmont and decided it would make a nice barbeque. While utilizing the container for such, it began releasing a strange gas and the resident called the Belmont Fire Department. As a result, twenty-seven firefighters were hospitalized for exposure to what ended up being a now banned chemical known as Methyl Bromide.

As a result of subsequent toxic accidents, including an explosive fire at a local paint factory, Belmont Fire Battalion Chief Jim O'Donnell launched the Industrial Emergency Council (IEC), a non-profit organization that trains firefighters, police officers and employees of private companies throughout the state in hazardous materials response, emergency preparedness, rescue and other skills. In 1986, the first San Mateo County Hazardous Materials Team was formed and began operating out of Belmont Fire Station 14, located at 911 Granada Street.

Today, the department continues to provide a team of 23 firefighters trained as Hazardous Materials Technicians & Specialists who are capable of responding to and managing hazardous material emergencies and potential bio-terrorism threats throughout San Mateo



County, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, in partnership with representatives from the County's Office of Emergency Services (OES) and the Environmental Health Department. The department is reimbursed under a contract for services with the County of San Mateo, which was renewed on July 1, 2016 for three years, and in 2015 personnel responded to twenty-six incidents.



New Disaster Preparedness Website for San Mateo County Residents

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES), in partnership with the San Mateo County Emergency Managers Association (SMCEMA), is proud to announce the launch of a new disaster preparedness website for all of San Mateo County, SMCReady.com.

SMCReady.com is your hub for emergency preparedness. You will find useful guides to help you get prepared, information on what to and simple steps on how to get connected during an emergency. With the help of Google translate this information is available in more than 20 languages.

SMCReady.com has information on how to:

- **GET CONNECTED:**
Stay informed through our free San Mateo County alert system SMCAAlert and use social media to network with friends and family.
- **GATHER SUPPLIES:**
Learn how to prepare emergency kits and the specific items you will need.
- **MAKE A PLAN:**
In the event of an emergency, you and loved ones should have a plan on where to go, what to do and who to contact.

The City of Belmont and the Belmont Fire Protection District encourage all residents to prepare for emergencies and SMCReady.com is a great place to start....check it out!

Streetlight Pole Replacement Project



The Public Works Department is responsible for the operation, maintenance, repair, and upgrade of 1200 roadway light fixtures and lighting systems. The streetlight system includes fixtures, poles, pole bases, wiring, circuitry, and junction boxes. With proper maintenance and renewal, most street lights poles will last 40 years or longer. Approximately 40% of the City's light poles are over 40 years old.

This year, the City began a major streetlight upgrade and improvement initiative using emergency funding to perform needed capital repairs while a long-term, sustainable funding source is identified. The City has awarded a \$468,150 contract to St. Francis Electric to replace 40 older and severely deteriorated steel and aluminum street light poles citywide, and approximately 63 rotted wood pole lantern-style street lights along Ralston Avenue. Construction has begun and 9 steel light poles have been replaced so far. All work is anticipated to be completed by late February.



Pictured left and above - old pole and removal of pole

Ralston Avenue Pedestrian Improvement Project Update

Construction of the pedestrian improvements on Ralston Avenue is near completion. Utility adjustments and remedial work are in progress. Once completed, the project will provide a continuous and safe pedestrian sidewalk from South Road to the NDNU entrance by installing new sidewalk and new retaining walls. Follow the updates and check out the photos on the [project page](#).





PUBLIC WORKS WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS



Ralston Streetlights Adorned with Holiday Bows



Each year the Traffic Operations Division puts up more than 160 Holiday Bows to dress up Ralston Avenue for the Holiday Season. We wish you the merriest of Holidays



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

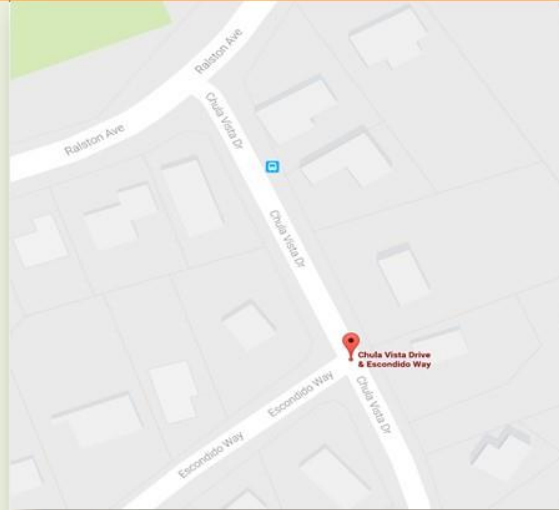


Chula Vista Sewer Main Repair Scheduled-Lane Closure

The Public Works Sewer Division will be repairing a defective section of VCP (clay) pipe on:

**Chula Vista Drive at Escondido
Wednesday, December 7th
8:30am-5:00pm**

Staff will be conducting the repair using the pipe patch trenchless repair technology. **There will be a lane closure during this repair work.** Flaggers will be onsite to maintain two-way traffic.



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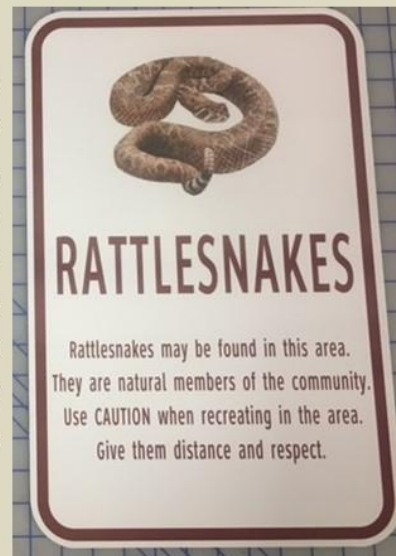
Message brought to you by the Public Works Sewer Division



Sign, Sign Everywhere a Sign....



In addition to making and installing roadway signs and street name signs, making signs for all City departments is among the tasks performed by the Traffic Operations. Here are some signs we recently made for the Park & Rec Department.



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



Sewer Division Performs Mega Sewer Line Cleaning

The Sewer Division achieved a new high last month of Hydro cleaning over **58,000 lineal feet** of sewer main.

This was made possible by crews having both Vactor combo-trucks out Hydro cleaning the sewer mains at the same time.



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



Message brought to you by the Public Works Sewer Division



Fill-Your-Own Sand Bag Locations



The City of Belmont has designated "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:

- **One Twin Pines Lane** (Rear of City Hall parking lot)
- **110 Sem lane** (Belmont Corporation Yard)
- **Barrett Community Center** (Parking lot off Ralston Avenue)

Residents, particularly those who live in areas that regularly experience some flooding, are strongly encouraged to pick up sandbags to ensure they are prepared for possible flooding. Residents may obtain up to 10 bags per Belmont address.

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



Message brought to you by the Public Works Storm Division



Parks maintenance and public works staff attended a yearly chainsaw safety course this past week. This refresher class is always beneficial as we head into the winter storm season. Topics covered included personal protective equipment, proper saw maintenance and operation, and advanced cutting techniques with an emphasis on strategies for dealing with storm related tree issues, such as hanging limbs and uprooted trees.



Irrigation upgrades were made at Alexander Park this week. Construction for the arrival of the new restroom at Alexander Park is underway and as such, adjustments were needed with regards to the irrigation system to accommodate the new bathroom infrastructure. Several irrigation lines were rerouted and new gate valves were installed to isolate individual water supplies throughout the park. The upgrades will lessen water waste should an irrigation leak occur and allow broken components to be isolated.



Street trees in the Sterling Downs neighborhood were trimmed for pedestrian and vehicle clearance.

Field maintenance is underway at the Sports Complex. On Marina Field, sports turf is being renovated and repairs and upgrades are being made to the dugouts. Several aging water fountains have been retrofitted with new components.

VOICES



This past week, the VOICES group volunteered at Second Harvest Food Bank in San Carlos. The teens were joined by about 30 other volunteers, who wanted to help sort can food donations for those in need. Most of the VOICES members have never done something like this, so they went in not knowing what to expect. However, after clear instruction and little guidance, the members proved to be a vital part of the volunteer team. The VOICES members were in charge of checking expiration dates on donated can food items, as well as boxing

them up. There were some fun moments mixed in to the work, with members playing a "guess the box weight" game as boxes were to be between 25-29 pounds. When asked how the service project was going, Kelly Rivera (9th grade Carlmont) said "It's fun helping out others in need." It was a great experience for the teens to be able to step outside of their comfort zones and give back to the community.



Holiday Craft Faire

Despite the constant rain, the 2016 Holiday Craft Faire was a success! Customers were lining up as since before 8am (Craft Faire opened at 9am) to get first pick. The Department had assistance from VOICES, who helped man the kid's play area that was moved inside due to the rain, as well as 16 volunteers from the National Charity League, who helped install the candy canes, direct traffic and answer questions, as well as clean up. Throughout the day, there was live music performed by Frank Markovich, Heartstrings Music Foundation, Boxcar Orchestra, Terri Cook, Waddiwasi Septet, and the Masterworks Chorale.



Community Calendars

Twin Pines Community Center

Twin Pines Senior & Community Center ~ December 2016 ~



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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(S) = Activity requires Signing Up
(R) = Activity requires Registration at Parks & Rec office
(blank) = Activity is drop-in

**Activities are subject to change. Please call 595-7444 to confirm.*

<p>5</p> <p>9:00 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Italian Chat 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 Book Club 1:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:00 Canasta 12:30 Classic Movie 12:30 Crafts Group 1:00 Sewing & Quilting Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:45 Strength Training 9:00 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Spanish Class 10:30 Zumba Gold (R) 11:30 German Conversation 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:30 New Movie 12:30 Pinochle 1:00 Candlemaking (S)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 11:30 Dec Birthday Lunch (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 12:30 Blockbuster Movie 1:00 Art Group</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30 Video Chair Yoga 11:00 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 Table Tennis 1:00 Winter Wonderland Dance (S)</p>
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<p>12</p> <p>9:00 Bread Program 9:30 Video Aerobics 10:00 Italian Chat 10:00 Ukulele Sing Along 10:00 Spanish Chat 1:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 2:00 French Chat 2:00 Sit N' Be Fit Video</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Gentle Tai Chi (S) 11:30 Holiday Lunch (S) 12:00 Pedro card game 12:00 Canasta 12:30 Foreign Film 12:30 Crafts Group 1:00 Sewing & Quilting Group</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:45 Strength Training 9:00 Gift Wrapping & Craft Group Holiday Sale 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 2:30 "I'll Be Home for Christmas" Mini show</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30 Walking Group 9:30 Canasta 11:00 Beat Arthritis (R) 11:30 Lunch Program (S) 12:15 Wii Bowling 12:30 Bridge 12:30 Blockbuster Movie 1:00 Art Group</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 Video Chair Yoga 11:00 Mandarin Conversation 1:00 *No Bingo today</p>
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<p>Center Closed for maintenance and the Holidays. See you back on Tuesday, January 3, 2017!</p>				

Belmont Public Library

December 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Children's Events Teen Events Adult Events All Ages</p>				<p>1 10a Imagination Playground 10:30a ESL Conversation Group 10:30a Toddler Story Time</p>	<p>2 10a Coloring for Adults 10a 3D Reservations 10:30a Preschool Story Time 4p Science Club 7p 1st Friday Flicks: <i>Pete's Dragon</i> (2016)</p>	<p>3 ALL DAY: Holiday Open House & Friends of the Library Holiday Book Sale 10:30a Family Story Time 2p Gabrielle's Trumpets</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5 10:30a Signs & Rhymes Story Time 3:30p Lego Club</p>	<p>6 10:30a Musical Story Time 3:30p Kid's Craft Club 3:30p Teen Center Food: Holiday Cookies & Tea</p>	<p>7 10:30a Computer Class: Cooking & Recipe Websites 12:30p 3D Printing (Regs Req.) 1:30p Tween Time: Snowball Fight 3:30p TAG Mtg & Holiday Party 7p Inclusive Story Time 7p First Wednesday Book Club: <i>The Outsider: My Life in Intrigue</i></p>	<p>8 10a Imagination Playground 10:30a ESL Conversation Group 10:30a Toddler Story Time 2p Mystery Book Club: <i>The Last Dickens</i> 3:30p Snowball Fight 6:30p Pub Trivia (ages 21+)</p>	<p>9 10a Coloring for Adults 10a 3D Reservations 10:30a Preschool Story Time 4p Science Club</p>	<p>10 10:30a Family Story Time 2p Curious Blend A Capella Group</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12 Winter Learning Begins! 10:30a Signs & Rhymes Story Time 3p Open Study Hall 3:30p Lego Club</p>	<p>13 10:30a Musical Story Time 3:30p Kid's Craft Club 3p Open Study Hall 3:30p Teen Center Craft Watercolors/Ice Writing 6:30p Documentary Club: Art & Craft</p>	<p>14 10:30a Computer Coach 12:30p 3D Printing (Regs Req.) 1:30 Tween Time: Games 3p Open Study Hall 3:30p Gingerbread House Making Contest 7p Holiday Songs & Poems</p>	<p>15 10a Imagination Playground 10:30a ESL Conversation Group 10:30a Toddler Story Time 3:30p Life Hacks for Teens De-Stress with Yoga & Dogs</p>	<p>16 10a 3D Reservations 10a Coloring for Adults 10:30a Preschool Story Time 3:30p Teen Center Birthday Party 4p Science Club</p>	<p>17 10:30a Family Story Time 2p Fratello Marionettes</p>
<p>18 2p The Brothers LeNain Art Docent Talk 5:15p After Hours Study Hall</p>	<p>19 10:30a Signs & Rhymes Story Time 12p Maturing Gracefully: Healthy Holiday Eating 3p Open Study Hall 3:30p Lego Club</p>	<p>20 10:30a Musical Story Time 3:30p Create a Calendar 3p Open Study Hall 6:30p Paws for Tales</p>	<p>21 10:30a Computer Coach 11:30 Breakfast & a Movie 12:30p 3D Printing (Regs Req.) 2p Giant Candyland Game 4p Teen Hangout 7p Inclusive Story Time</p>	<p>22 10a Imagination Playground 10:30a ESL Conversation Group 10:30a Toddler Story Time 2p Geronimo Stilton Party</p>	<p>23 10a Coloring for Adults 10a 3D Reservations 10:30a Preschool Story Time 2p Build Marble Roller Coaster</p>	<p>24 10:30a Family Story Time</p>
<p>25 Library Closed</p>	<p>26 Library Closed</p>	<p>27 10:30a Musical Story Time 2p Dress a Potato as Your Favorite Book Character 3:30p Kid's Craft Club 7p Classical Argentinian Guitar Recital</p>	<p>28 10:30a Computer Coach 12:30p 3D Printing (Reg Req.) 2p Kids Cook 7p Inclusive Story Time</p>	<p>29 10a Imagination Playground 10:30a ESL Conversation Group 10:30a Toddler Story Time 2p Elephant & Piggie Party</p>	<p>30 10a Coloring for Adults 10a 3D Reservations 10:30a Preschool Story Time 2p Ancient Egypt Party 7p Reel Great Films: <i>Peter's Friends</i></p>	<p>31 10:30a Family Story Time 11a Noon Year's Eve Party</p>



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