

City Manager's

Weekly Update – September 13, 2019

City News You Need to Know

Councilmember Doug Kim Submits Resignation

At the council meeting held on Tuesday, August 27, 2019, Councilmember Doug Kim announced his intention to resign as a member of the Belmont City Council. Councilmember Kim was originally elected to a four-year term in November 2015, which was subsequently amended to a five-year term in 2017, as a result of moving council elections to even years by adding a year to council terms of office to comply with SB 415. Councilmember Kim served as mayor during his third year in office and represented Belmont on numerous committees and intergovernmental assignments and during his four-year term.



Doug Kim

In his letter of resignation submitted to the City Clerk's Office on Monday, September 9, 2019, Councilmember Kim stated, "I have been honored to serve Belmont for the past four years on the City Council. The opportunity to help lead the City and represent the interests of our residents, businesses, and organizations has been a highlight of my public life. My gratitude to the citizens of our city is deep."

Mayor Davina Hurt stated, "Councilmember Kim's contribution to Belmont was truly valued and we all benefited by his leadership and wisdom. We wish him well in his pursuits."

The City will present a proclamation to honor Councilmember Kim at a future city council meeting.

HIGHLIGHTS

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September 24 City Council Meeting*

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#dineBelmont- Avanti Pizza

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At the September 10th City Council Special meeting, the Council discussed the matter and concluded to appoint an individual to fill Councilmember Kim's vacancy; the Council will discuss the application and interview process at the next regular Council meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2019.

Fire Chief Healy Announces Retirement



Fire Chief John Healy

On Wednesday, September 11, 2019, Fire Chief John Healy, announced his plan to retire after more than 36 years of public service, the past 16 with the City of San Mateo (now San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department); his last month of service will be December 2019.

Chief Healy began his 36-year career at age 19 as a volunteer firefighter in Foster City. He stated that "serving with members of Foster City, Hillsborough, Union City, San Mateo, and Belmont Fire Departments provided me countless life lessons and unforgettable memories."

In his announcement letter he noted "that the most important lessons learned were service before self, giving your very best daily, and leaving every situation better than you found it. Those

were characteristics taught to me, and I have worked to share these values with the team, so that they may pay it forward to future members.

Emergency response service requires a great deal of sacrifice, including being away from family and friends on special occasions and holidays. For me, being part of such a great profession was never about personal accolades or recognition, it was about the service the team provided to the community. The pride felt from helping others during their most challenging time was a feeling that few professions get to experience. Wearing the uniform and the badge was the greatest honor and it's difficult for words to fully express what that means to me."

He reflected on success achieved by the three communities that formed San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department: - Belmont, Foster City, and San Mateo. "Together we accomplished something profoundly special and unique by combining three Fire Departments into one. San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department's future is incredibly bright. The next generation of SMCFD is filled with talented and dedicated members anxious to continue moving forward and grow in their constant pursuit of being the best."

SMCFD Recognizes CERT Volunteers

This past weekend the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department said thank-you to the members of the SMCFD Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) with a barbecue at Coyote Point in San Mateo. Volunteers from Belmont, Foster City and San Mateo turned out for a great team building event.



Get Ready Class Held in Belmont

The SMCFD Office of Emergency Services (OES) held a two-hour Get Ready class this week at Belmont City Hall. Participants learned about the types of disasters that could impact our community, how to create an emergency plan, build an emergency supply kit, and received information on general disaster awareness and fire prevention.



Happening this weekend

Don't Miss the Fun-Come Cheer for Your Favorite Badge Team

Project Progress

Ralston Avenue Corridor Improvement Project Segments 1 and 2

A majority of the Ralston Avenue striping was completed this week. A portion of City Hall's parking lot was resurfaced and the bike path entrance into Twin Pines Park is being constructed. Within the next two weeks, the signal pole at South Road and Ralston Avenue will be relocated causing delays in traffic. Please check our social media for updates and traffic advisories.



2019 Pavement Maintenance Project – Phase I, CCN 2019-577 (Measure I)

The contractor is working on restoration work to complete the project in the upcoming weeks. If temporary

street closures are necessary during restoration, flaggers will be onsite to enable through traffic. For any concerns, please contact the Public Works Department at 650-595-7425. More information and updates can be found on the Project webpage here:

<https://www.belmont.gov/Home/Components/FacilityDirectory/FacilityDirectory/417/696>

Further information on the City's Street Improvement Program can be found here: www.belmont.gov/BelmontPavement



2019 Storm and Sewer Repair Project, CCN 2019-581)

The 2019 Storm and Sewer Repair Project has completed work on Ruth Avenue along Malcolm Avenue, Fairway Drive near Notre Dame Avenue, and Continentals Way near Lyall Way.

Next week, the contractor will be working on Coronet Boulevard near Ralston Avenue, Coronet Boulevard along Ewell Road, and sewer lines on Semeria Avenue.

In the following weeks, the contractor is scheduled to move towards sewer lines on Lincoln Avenue, a sewer line on San Ardo Road and a sewer line on Coronet Boulevard near Kimmie Court.

A notice from the City and a notice from the Contractor will be sent out to residents within the vicinity of the construction work as scheduled work approaches. As some roadway will be trenched, the road will need to be closed to through traffic in both directions during working hours. No overnight road closure will take place. No parking will be allowed during full road closure.

Single lane closures will be required at some locations during working hours. No parking will be allowed on closed side of the street. Through traffic and driveway access will be maintained when possible. If you have any special access needs during the pavement operations, please contact the Public Works Department for accommodations. Please note the time, date, and location of the Temporary No Parking on the street and

plan to park accordingly. The Temporary No Parking signs will contain the most updated parking restriction information.

For any concerns, please contact the Public Works Department at 650-595-7425.

More information and updates can be found on the Project webpage here: <https://www.belmont.gov/Home/Components/FacilityDirectory/FacilityDirectory/419/696>

TRAFFIC ADVISORIES



Ralston Corridor Improvement Project Segments 1 and 2

Lane closures will be intermittent with traffic control in place.

1 & # 2 Lane on Ralston Ave (WB) at from South Road to Island Parkway

1 & # 2 Lane on Ralston Ave (EB) at from South Road to Island Parkway

1 & # 2 Lane on 6th Ave (NB) at from Emmett Ave to Ralston

1 & # 2 Lane on 6th Ave (SB) at from Emmett Ave to Ralston

1 & # 2 Lane on Old County Rd (SB) from Ralston Ave to Masonic Way

1 & # 2 Lane on Old County Rd (NB) from Ralston Ave to Masonic Way

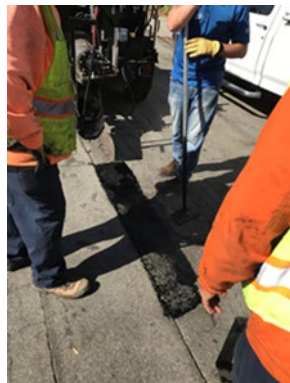
STREETS DIVISION

One of the many jobs the Streets Division was tasked with this week was to fill major cracks and potholes throughout Belmont. The crew tested out a new machine that has the capability to fill cracks and potholes using material that is set to last twice as long as current methods used.

Video below:

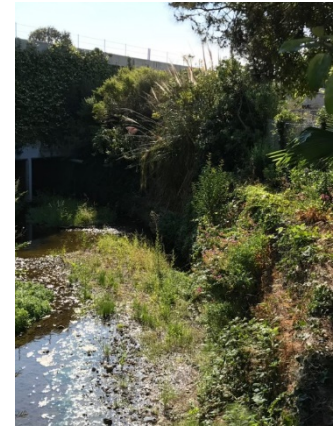


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SEWER AND STORM DIVISION

Staff worked with work furlough crews from the Sheriff's program to clear Belmont creek of all vegetation from El Camino Real to Old County Road in preparation for the wet season.



Before and After

Staff cleared all vegetation from the open space and drainage ditch in the north west corner of Ralston Avenue at US 101 just east of the bike bridge in preparation for the wet season and to comply with the Municipal Regional Permit. As this site is one of our four Illicit Discharge Inspection Sites for the city, a total of 19 truckloads of vegetation were removed weighing in at 27.1 tons.



Before and After

Family Event – Get Prepared for Before Disaster Strikes



15TH ANNUAL SAN MATEO COUNTY

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS DAY



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2019
10 AM - 2 PM
SAN MATEO EVENT CENTER

A *family friendly* event where you can: *explore* fire trucks, SWAT & other emergency response vehicles, *enter* into the Smoky Hall & Shake House, *see* Bomb Squad Robots, *attend* classes on CPR, First Aid & more, *learn* about school & community safety resources, & come home with *essential supplies*.

FOOD AND EVENT FREE, \$15 PARKING



For more information go to: smcdisasterprep.org

Coastal Cleanup Day Saturday, September 21, 2019

[California Coastal Cleanup Day](#) was first organized by the Coastal Commission, but the idea of a statewide cleanup event did not come from California. In 1984, Oregon resident Judy Neilson had grown concerned over the amount of plastic debris she saw littering the Oregon coast. In October of that year, Judy organized the first statewide beach cleanup event, calling it the "Plague of Plastics." California watched, admired, and in 1985, emulated Judy's efforts with its first statewide Coastal Cleanup Day.

Close to 2,500 Californians joined in the initial Cleanup, and the program has been growing by leaps and bounds ever since. In 1986. For more history and cleanup results in past years visit: [California Coastal Commission](#)



Join your neighbors, service organizations and businesses to reduce water pollution and minimize localized flooding.

Participating is easy!

Just sign-up, select a storm drain, and we'll deliver your start-up kit.

Visit Belmont.gov/adoptadrain

A Clean Community Is A Happy Community.

The City has a comprehensive preventative maintenance program to inspect, monitor and maintain 1,400 of our storm drain inlets throughout the city. Regular scheduled street sweeping is in place, with enhanced sweeping during winter months. "No Dumping-Flows to Bay" storm drain placards are installed on every storm drain. The Belmont Public Works Department has also installed trash capture devices in 69 storm drains where litter activities have been an issue.

Events to Mark on your Calendar

Movies in the Park

Spiderman is coming on the NEW GIANT MOVIE SCREEN to-night!! Come to the Meadow with your blankets or chairs. It's going to be a fabulous night for an outdoor movie.



Save the Music:

<https://schoolforce.org/events/save-the-music/>

SchoolForce's Save the Music Festival is the largest annual community event in Belmont and raises funds to keep our music programs in Belmont Redwood-Shores Schools by supporting SchoolForce, the Belmont-Redwood Shores Education Foundation.

Save the Music Festival



Belmont Water Dog Run:

<https://belmontwaterdogrun.com/>

The Belmont Water Dog Run is a community run that supports awareness and increases funding for local education. Beneficiaries of the event are the Belmont Redwood Shores School District and the Carlmont Academic Foundation. Join this community event involving kids, parents, grandparents, stroller-brigades, furry-legged canine friends, and hundreds of runners and walkers.



Twin Pines Community Center



MUNCHIES AND MUSEUM TOUR

It was an afternoon filled with meeting new people and learning about Belmont's History. The afternoon began with Munchies at the Twin Pines Senior and Community Center. Next, the group strolled over to the Belmont History Museum where Karl, Chuck and Denny gave tours of the museum and provided a wealth of information about Belmont's history.

You can find this type of activity and many others in our Activity Guide in the adult section. It's free, look inside and sign up today. [Belmont Parks and Rec Activity Guide](#)



FLU CLINIC

Flu season is right around the corner and we are doing our best to beat the flu bug! A San Carlos Walgreens Pharmacist offered free flu vaccines to the public at the Twin Pines Senior and Community Center.

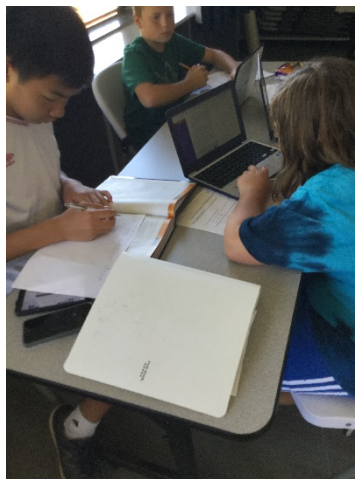
Barrett Community Center

The Hideout

The Hideout was hopping again this week. Monday was a day of collaboration; some students got a jump on the week's homework. Others learned how to play chess. Tuesday was another heavy homework day with a bit of fun playing Uno and Mario Kart. Cooking took place on Wednesday. Don't homemade donut holes sound delicious?! Students made Hama bead art projects on Thursday and Friday and they're playing good old fashioned kickball. Middle schoolers are welcome at the Hideout. It's free - It's fun!

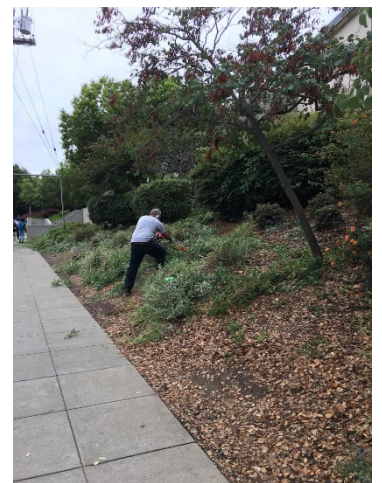


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Parks, Fields and Facilities

Notable maintenance items include irrigation repairs and landscape maintenance at several locations this week. Irrigation repairs were made at the sports fields including Central, Nesbit and Marina Fields. Underperforming sprinkler heads were replaced and adjusted for optimum functionality. Several irrigation valves were also repaired. Landscape maintenance was conducted at Twin Pines Park, Sports Complex and Belameda Park. Ornamental shrubs were pruned and weeds were also removed. Trees were also trimmed for pedestrian clearance and overall health. At Twin Pines Park, irrigation repairs were made to the sub-surface drip system around the Lodge Building.



Free Fall Tree Give-away

Interested in a FREE 15-gallon tree? Sign up for the City's Fall Tree Give-away! The City is providing up to 30 trees to Belmont residents. Go to www.belmont.gov/register

(650) 595-7441 | parksrec@belmont.gov

FREE Fall Tree Give-Away

Apply by 10/31 at www.belmont.gov/register

Thirty 15-gallon trees available. Priority given to new applicants.



Avanti Pizza

#pizza #pizzatime #avanti

2040 Ralston Ave, Belmont Contact: (650) 508-1000
Sun, Tues-Wed: 11am-9pm & Fri-Sun: 11am-9:30pm



KEEPING IT BELMONT RESTAURANT OF THE WEEK #dinebelmont



post photos with your favorite items using #dinebelmont on social media

ENJOY and follow us NOW for more restaurants of the week and general information on Belmont restaurants

#dinebelmont and @dinebelmont



#dinebelmont

The Belmont Chamber of Commerce project dinebelmont, introduces a new "Restaurant of the Week" each week for foodies of all kinds to enjoy and help out the local Belmont community. When enjoying the restaurant of the week or any in town, take a picture of your favorite dish and post photos using #dinebelmont on social media apps; join the #community and see what others are saying about their favorite dishes. Search #dinebelmont in Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook.

Join Our Team-City of Belmont Employment Opportunities



Check the [City's Website](#) for more info on:

- ✚ Building Attendant
- ✚ Police Dispatcher (Entry Level Candidate)
- ✚ Police Dispatcher (Lateral Candidates) Police Officer (Entry Level-Lateral)
- ✚ Preschool Teacher

Make the Connection Find Out More



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Peninsula Wildfire Safety Summit

What Residents of Hillside Areas and Decision-Makers in San Mateo County Should Know and Prepare For

Saturday, Sept. 14

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

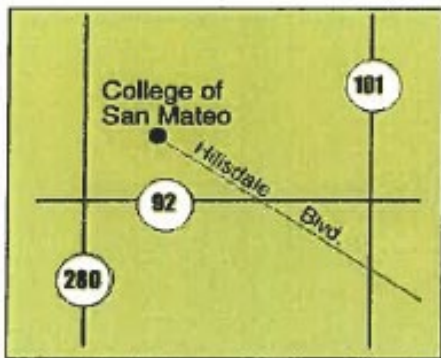
College of San Mateo, 1700 W. Hillsdale Blvd., San Mateo
Building 10 (College Center), Room 195

Topics Covered by Experts

- What types of wildfire threats occur on the Peninsula?
- Impact of climate change on our cities
- What does a Red Flag Warning mean?
- Home hardening tips to reduce danger
- Technology for earlier wildfire detection
- Concerns over tree-trimming by utilities
- Communicating emergency alerts
- Evacuation planning – including new zone strategy for the county
- How residents can organize into Firewise groups
- Impact of power shutdowns
- Shelters and where to find them
- Plans and processes by first responders and county government



With Support From the 911 Center of San Mateo County



Take I-92 to West Hillsdale exit



College Center (Bldg. 10)



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From the Manager

By Teresa Herrera
SVCW Manager

Our facilities here at SVCW are industrial in nature, posing unique hazards not otherwise encountered by workers.

Not only do we have mechanical and electrical equipment that pose hazards, there are also chemicals and biological risks. We do our utmost to protect our staff by providing:

- Proper personal protective gear and equipment for daily use
- Training on safety practices
- Daily emphasis on safety

Fundamentally, the need to be safe rests with all of us, and it's vital that everyone who works here practices safe behaviors at all times. Recently, I was talking with one of our treatment plant operators, and he pointed out how the emphasis on safety here at SVCW has spilled over into his everyday personal life. He now thinks ahead when he has a task to complete at home, when he's driving, and when he's recreating. He always has safety in mind. It makes me smile when I hear stories like this, as it emphasizes to me that safety is an "always" activity.

I'm proud of our workforce, and especially proud of the fact that a robust safety culture is being fully embraced. To reflect this culture, we recently held a competition for a new safety slogan. We had over 20 submissions--many of which were fantastic--so it was challenging to select just one.

Select we did! Our new safety motto is...



RESCU UPDATES

The RESCU Program includes 11 projects which constitute full replacement and rehabilitation of SVCW's sewer conveyance system. This will support the safety and reliability of the community's wastewater system and protect the San Francisco Bay through rehabilitating, re-purposing, and constructing new facilities. Below are the latest updates on the Front of Plant and Gravity Pipeline projects, including how creative financing will save ratepayers millions of dollars.



CREATIVE FINANCING FOR SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADE WILL SAVE RATEPAYERS MILLIONS

Silicon Valley Clean Water (SVCW) will save ratepayers about \$9.8 million as it moves forward with major infrastructure repairs, including the Regional Environmental Sewer Conveyance Upgrade (RESCU), which is estimated to cost nearly \$500 million when completed. SVCW will finance infrastructure repairs using the least costly methods available, including government loans, wastewater

revenue bonds, grants, and available cash reserves.

Under the Clean Water Act of 1972, the federal and state government provided the majority of funding for wastewater treatment plant construction. Clean Water Grants accounted for \$46.3 million of the \$57.9 million that it took to build the treatment plant, pump stations, and conveyance pipelines now owned by SVCW. That was 80% of the total cost. As assets have aged, the absence of federal and state funding programs puts the burden of financing repairs on local agencies and cities.

SVCW continually works to obtain the lowest-cost financing available. To date, they have secured the following financing to fund the capital improvement program and ensure that public and environmental health goals are met:

- Three separate State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans for a combined \$57 million
- Wastewater Revenue Bonds that generated \$310 million in proceeds
- Grant funding worth \$3 million
- Members' cash reserves contributions of \$57 million
- And, most recently, a federally-funded low cost loan program called WIFIA (Water Infrastructure Financing Innovation Act,) at a value of \$218 million

For more information, go [here](#) .



Front of Plant Update

One of the RESCU program projects is the Front of Plant project, which consists of the design and construction of the receiving lift station, headworks facility, odor control facilities, influent connector pipe, civil site work, emergency overflow pipe to storage basin, and related process support systems. Work is being implemented in stages under a progressive design-build procurement process. A team of 30 is working on the project. Here are some updates:

- The excavation of receiving lift station shaft is well underway--now at a depth of 40 feet and heading to 90 feet.
- The headworks facility concrete base slab is being placed this month. It will serve as the base for the entire above-grade part of the headworks structure.
- The utility corridors for service connections to the Main Structure have been installed.
- The design is being finalized with the contractor.

The team is using virtual reality (VR) to check all the final design details. Read more [here](#).



Gravity Pipeline (Tunnel) Update

The Gravity Pipeline (GP) Project consists of the design, construction, permitting, start-up, commissioning, and closeout of approximately 17,600 feet of wastewater gravity FRP pipe inside a concrete-segment tunnel. The work includes three shafts and will interface directly with the front of plant (FoP) project (see above) at the receiving lift station (RLS). Work is being implemented under a progressive design-build procurement process.

This project engages approximately 60 staff. They've reached the following milestones:

- The tunnel boring machine (TBM) is in place in the launch shaft. The TBM will begin active mining in mid-September in the direction of Inner Bair Island.
- The conveyor system has been completed for moving excavated material from the head of the TBM to the surface for hauling offsite.
- The slurry plant has been assembled at the surface near the launch shaft, and tested to support the operations of the TBM as it mines.

- The design is proceeding for connections to existing piping from all of the member agencies.
- The access road has been completed on Inner Bair Island to one of the in-progress TBM retrieval shafts, which is currently under construction using pile installation equipment specifically chosen for producing nearly zero noise.

Our close partnerships are helping SVCW and the RESCU Program support the coordination of the work in the community. Partners on the Gravity Pipeline Project include:

- USFWS Refuge management (Inner Bair Island)
- County of San Mateo
- County staff at San Carlos Airport
- City of Redwood City
- City of San Carlos
- Redwood Shores Community Association
- Redwood Shores Homeowners Association

Learn more [here](#) .

SVCW UPDATES

TOP 7 THINGS MOST PEOPLE THINK ARE FLUSHABLE BUT AREN'T



Are you sure you know what's safe to flush down the toilet and what's not?

It's not only a matter of keeping your pipes unclogged--which can be expensive to fix--but it's also a matter of pollution. To keep our water clean, and your pipes intact, never flush the following down the toilet, even if the product says it's flushable.

- Wet wipes, even those labeled "flushable"
- Cotton swabs
- Dental floss
- Feminine hygiene products
- Paper towels
- Unused medicines (use **drop-off sites** for proper disposal)
- Cooking grease in small quantities (can be solidified and put in the garbage)

Simply put the above items in the trash.

Here's what's safe to flush down the toilet:

- Bodily waste
- Toilet paper

If you are interested in receiving an educational PDF poster, useful for homes, daycare centers, schools, nursing facilities and more, please let us know. They are available either as a PDF or laminated.

Contact us for your free copy by calling 650.832.6279, or email your request to shiestand@svcw.org .

#Rethinkcompost: Every meal. Every day.

Week September 16th is Pollution Prevention Week! Celebrate by making sure that compostable materials don't end up in the landfill! Learn more at www.rethinkcompost.org/landfill. #rethinkcompost

