

City Manager's Weekly Update – September 20, 2019

City News You Need to Know

#ShopLocal, #shopbelmontsafeway

MAYOR HURT JOINED SAFEWAY management and customers in a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate its Belmont store remodel of the located at 1100 El Camino Real.

A brief program highlighted the new amenities at the store on Wednesday, September 18th with the store management presenting a check from the Safeway Foundation to A Brighter Day Youth Work Program.



Council Vacancy

AT THE SEPTEMBER 24TH COUNCIL MEETING, the council will determine the next steps for filing the existing City Council Vacancy. Councilmember

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Kim resigned his City Council position effective September 9, 2019, approximately 14 months prior to the end of his term.

The Council has until November 9, 2019 (60 days) to complete all actions necessary to fill this vacancy. At its meeting on September 10, 2019, the City Council determined that it wanted to appoint a resident to fill the vacancy. During the discussion on September 10th, the City Council directed that staff return with options regarding the application process. The Council has

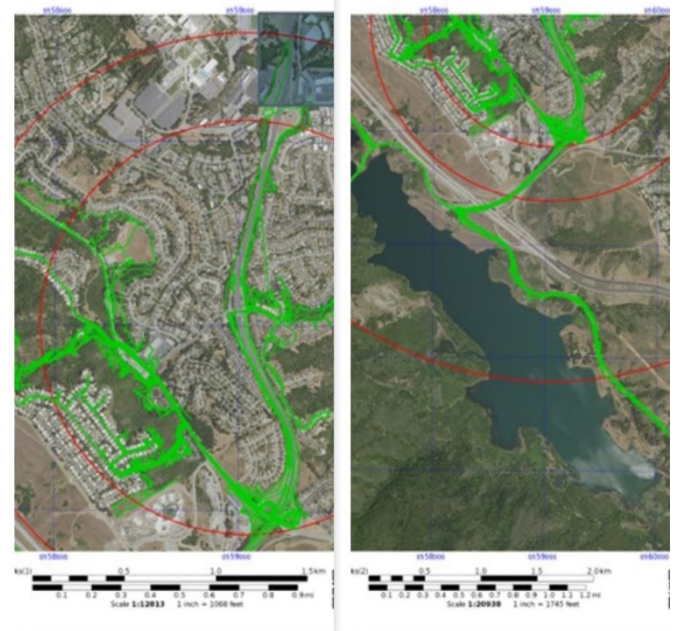


broad authority to appoint an individual to fill the vacancy after deliberation and a majority vote of the Council. There is no required process for making the appointment or for conducting interviews. More information and the application will be posted on the City's website after Council discussion and direction to staff next week.

Search continues for Missing Person Paul Farmer

ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Search & Rescue, along with members of the SMCFD Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) assisted the Belmont Police Department with a detailed search, in hopes of developing information leading to the whereabouts of missing person Paul Farmer. The search took place in

the area of Highway 92, Highway 280 and Canada Road and involved a total of 80 personnel, 25 of whom were CERT Volunteers. Unfortunately, the search yielded no evidence or leads. Belmont PD detectives will continue their investigation and follow up on all new tips, and urge anyone with information on this case to call the Belmont Police Department at 650-595-7400.



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: smdisasterprep.org



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

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

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.

City Projects

2019 Pavement Maintenance Project – Phase I, (Measure I)



THE CONTRACTOR ON THIS PROJECT 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: [Public Works Projects](#)

Further information on the City's Street Improvement Program can be found here: [Pavement](#)



2019 Storm and Sewer Repair Project

The 2019 Storm and Sewer Repair Project has completed major work at the following locations:

- Ruth Ave along Malcolm Ave
- Fairway Dr near Notre Dame Ave
- Continentals Way near Lyall
- Coronet Blvd near Ewell Rd

Work on Semeria Ave is currently in progress and expected to wrap up by next week.

The contractor is scheduled to move towards sewer and storm lines in the following order of locations:

- Lincoln Ave near Dekoven Ave
- San Ardo Way
- Coronet Blvd near Kimmie Ct & Coronet Blvd near Ralston Ave

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 us 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>

Ralston Avenue Corridor Improvement Project Segments 1 and 2

MORE STRIPING WORK WAS COMPLETED this week, which included new parking T's along Ralston Avenue and Emmett Ave. Today, the signal pole at Ralston Avenue and South Road is being relocated in preparation for the new bike path into Twin Pines Park. The new bike path will be paved next week and work on El Camino Real will begin.



TRAFFIC ADVISORIES

Ralston Corridor Improvement Project
Segments 1 and 2 Lane Closures
week 9-27-19

Parking Strip & # 2 Lane on Ralston Ave (EB) at South Road

1 & # 2 Lane on El Camino Real (NB) at from Ralston Ave to Emmet Ave

1 & # 2 Lane on El Camino Real (SB) at from Ralston Ave to Emmet Ave

Sewer and Storm Division

The division performed a dig and repair on sewer main line in street near 2102 Pullman Avenue. The job consisted of repairing a sewer line that had a large hole in the top of the pipe.



Parks, Fields, Facilities

#Parklet

EXCITING IMPROVEMENTS WERE MADE along Hallmark Drive in the Belmont Heights neighborhood. A parklet was constructed in a rest area along Hallmark Drive. A parklet is a small seating area or green space created as a public amenity along a sidewalk or public space. A parklet can be considered a miniature park and the goal is to create a more comfortable and inviting pedestrian experience.

The parklet was the vision of and designed by the Belmont Heights Civic Improvement Association and is a wonderful addition to the space. Several benches were installed and offer sweeping views of the Bay Area. Stop by and enjoy the new parklet!

Twin Pines Park

A tree limb was cleared from Twin Pines Park that had fallen from a eucalyptus tree. Staff removed the debris and the pathway was reopened for use.

Sports Complex

Irrigation repairs were made at the Sports Complex on North Field. Worn areas were repaired on the field. Low spots and divots were filled with soil and then seeded and topdressed.



Community Centers

Root Beer Floats and Trivia

DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY SIDES a decagon has? Or who flew for 43 years without a pilot's license?

These were among the trivia questions answered at our Root Beer Floats and Trivia afternoon. The room was filled with a wealth of knowledge as no trivia questions went unanswered! The Redwood Shores Lions Club provided root beer floats, which were enjoyed by all.



The Hideout

THE STUDENTS who come to the Hideout after school are starting to get into a weekly routine of work first, then play. Monday and Tuesday homework takes precedence. Later in the week, a free throw contest, cooking (and eating) delicious food, and video games filled the after school hours.



The Hideout's Open House on Wednesday and Thursday evening was a success: six new students will be joining the Hideout's roster. This program is free and open to all middle schoolers.

Don't miss our special event

THE HIDEOUT PRESENTS
FRIDAY FRIGHT NIGHT

FREE

CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS!
 PLEASE JOIN US FOR A SPOOKY OUTDOOR MOVIE!
 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2019
 5PM - 7:30PM
 MOVIE START TIME 5:30 PM
 BARRETT COMMUNITY CENTER, Room E
 650-595-7441

WWW.BELMONT.GOV/YOUTHTEENS
 "Enhancing the Quality of Life for the Community"

Family Events Ongoing or Coming your Way

Movies in the Park

The last movie night of the season is happening tonight. Come watch 'Jumanji' on our new humungous movie screen!! Refreshments are available for purchase. Each guest receives a FREE raffle ticket. Raffle winners are announced at 6:50pm. [For More on these events visit the City calendar page.](#)



Fun, Fit Family Day

Help Footsteps Childcare, Inc., one of our valued partners at Barrett Community Center, celebrate 25 years of service. Lots of FREE fun for everyone! RSVP online at www.footstepschildcare.org

A large, colorful event poster. At the top, it says 'Celebrating 25 Years of Service' with a 'Footsteps Child Care Inc. Est. 1994' logo. Below this, it reads 'Free Event! Fun, Fit Family Day' and 'BBQ & Movie in the Park'. A central graphic shows a sun and moon with the text 'Saturday Sept 28 5PM-9PM Barrett Community Center 1870 Ralston Ave. Belmont'. To the right is a 'TOY STORY' movie poster. Text at the bottom right says 'FREE Dinner- First 200 registered online', 'BBQ Dinner starts at 6PM', and 'Movie Starts at Sundown around 7PM'. A 'Sponsors/Partners' section at the bottom lists logos for USTA, THE FRUITGUYS, ONE DIGITAL, Edward Jones, Brian Carias, KBA, and DOCUSTY. A large 'RSVP ONLINE' button points to 'footstepschildcare.org'.

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.



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.



Pickleball

We're hosting a FREE Pickleball Try It Day at Alexander Park on October 16th. Bring a friend and come check out this exciting new sport!

BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS

IT'S PICKLEBALL TIME!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
12:45-1:45 PM
ALEXANDER PARK
GRADES: 5-8

Register for free at www.belmont.gov/register by 10/14. RSVP required. Class code #3139
Equipment provided.

www.belmont.gov/parksrec (650) 595-7441
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BELMONT PARKS & RECREATION PRESENTS

ADULT PICKLEBALL "TRY IT DAY"

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
ALEXANDER PARK
AGES 18+
ALL LEVELS WELCOME

Register for FREE at www.belmont.gov/register by 10/14. RSVP required. Class code #3140
Equipment provided, but bring your own if you have it!

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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 to sign up by October 31st.

(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.



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

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NEWS RELEASE

California High-Speed Rail Authority Board Adopts Preferred Alternatives in Northern California

SAN JOSE, Calif. – On Tuesday, September 17, 2019, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) Board of Directors concurred with staff recommendations for the Preferred Alternatives for the high-speed rail routes in Northern California. The Board's concurrence comes after nearly a decade of analysis and active engagement with communities along the route. The staff released its recommendations in July and led a comprehensive outreach effort to provide the Board of Directors with feedback before bringing its recommendations to the Board.

"The Board's adoption of the Preferred Alternatives is a major milestone for the high-speed rail program in Northern California," said Brian Kelly, Chief Executive Officer for the Authority. "This action allows the Authority to prepare for the next steps in moving the project forward in Northern California. I appreciate the hard work and dedication that our team put into getting this action finalized."

"This is a positive first step to realizing a true Valley to Valley connection, and ensuring that the community voice is heard," said Senator Jim Beall (D-San Jose).

"The process to date has benefited greatly from the engagement of the communities and other local and state entities along the corridor. We look forward to continuing that public conversation as we

move forward with the finalizing the draft environmental documents in Northern California," said Northern California Regional Director Boris Lipkin.

In the San Jose to Merced project section, the Board identified Alternative 4 as the Preferred Alternative. Alternative 4 utilizes a blended configuration between San Jose and Gilroy in the existing Caltrain and Union Pacific Railroad corridors before continuing to a dedicated high-speed rail alignment through Pacheco Pass.

In the San Francisco to San Jose project section, the Board identified Alternative A as the Preferred Alternative. Alternative A utilizes a blended configuration between San Francisco and San Jose within the existing Caltrain corridor. This alternative includes a light maintenance facility on the east side of the tracks in Brisbane and does not include additional passing tracks.

The Board's concurrence directs staff to proceed with project development and to continue to engage local partners to address comments and concerns. Staff will concurrently work to finish the Draft Environmental Impact Report and Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIR/EIS) for both the San Francisco to San Jose and San Jose to Merced project sections.

The draft environmental documents are due out in early 2020 for the San Jose to Merced project section and in spring 2020 for the San Francisco to San Jose project section. While all alternatives will be evaluated equally in the draft environmental documents, identifying the Preferred Alternatives will guide the public as to what is most likely to become the project. Final route decisions will be made at the conclusion of the environmental review process.

SEE MORE AT WWW.HSR.CA.GOV

Staff-Recommended Preferred Alternative Alternative A



Staff-Recommended Preferred Alternative Alternative 4



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MPWD COMMEMORATES SPECIAL DISTRICTS WEEK

BELMONT, CA (September, 2019) –Special Districts Week, September 22-28, was established by the California State Legislature earlier this year with bi-partisan approval of Assembly Concurrent Resolution (ACR) 89. The Mid-Peninsula Water District (MPWD) encourages residents and business/industry owners in Belmont, San Carlos, and San Mateo County to support Special Districts Week and continue their long-standing civic engagement with their local government.

“This is a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of special districts to our communities. Local governance was the founding principle behind the establishment of special districts in the state of California more than 100 years ago. It’s just as important and vital today as it was back then,” states Tammy Rudock, MPWD’s General Manager. Louis Vella, MPWD Board President, added, “We not only encourage the involvement of customers within the oversight and functioning of MPWD as a special district itself, but also within their own city, county, and state through direct engagement and volunteerism.”

ACR 89 was sponsored by The California Special Districts Association (CSDA), which is a statewide association representing more than 1,000 special districts and affiliate organizations throughout the state. Special districts are local government entities created by a community’s residents, funded by those residents, and overseen by those residents, to provide specialized services and infrastructure.

MPWD was formed in 1929 as a special district with the mission to provide quality water and service to Belmont, San Carlos, and San Mateo County. Celebrating its 90th anniversary this year, MPWD continues its commitment to that mission through ongoing capital improvement projects, sound financial planning, attention to customer service, and community outreach.

“Special districts are formed by residents to provide essential services that they want and need at the local level. They provide an opportunity to have local control while enhancing services that make communities thrive and survive,” said CSDA’s CEO Neil McCormick. He continued, “We appreciate the Legislature’s support in raising awareness and increasing understanding about the special districts that serve our State’s communities.”



ABOUT THE MID-PENINSULA WATER DISTRICT: The MPWD has been functioning as a public utility since 1929, proudly providing service to the communities of Belmont and portions of San Carlos, Redwood City, and unincorporated San Mateo County. The District supplies water to 28,000 consumers within approximately five square miles. It is managed by a five-member elected Board of Directors and 17 full-time employees. For more details, go to the District’s website at MidPeninsulaWater.org

#Rethinkcompost:

National Pepperoni Pizza Day – September 20

Here's a tip for National Pepperoni Pizza Day: Once you're done with your final slice, make sure that pizza box (with or without leftover crust) gets into your green compost cart. Visit rethinkcompost.org/tips for more useful composting tips. #rethinkcompost

