

City Manager's Weekly Update – November 1, 2019

City News You Need to Know

HIGHLIGHTS



You are Invited!

The new Community Center Conceptual Design will be presented on:

Tuesday, Nov. 5th @ 7pm in the Council Chambers (Joint Planning and Park & Rec Commission Mtg.)
Tuesday Nov. 12th @ 7pm in the Council Chambers (City Council Mtg.)



Reminders:

Nov 5 – Joint Planning and Park & Rec Commission Meeting

- [New Community Center Conceptual Design](#)

Nov 6 - Park & Rec Commission Meeting

Nov 11 – Annual Veteran's Day Event

Nov 12 – City Council Meeting

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Public Safety Mutual Aid Response to Kincade Fire

THIS WEEK, BOTH BELMONT PD AND SAN MATEO Consolidated Fire are assisting at the Kincade Fire in Sonoma County. Belmont PD has been sending two officers on 12-hour rotating shifts to the fire area to assist with evacuations, patrol and traffic control and 9 SMCDF firefighters are part of two Strike Teams, from San Mateo County, deployed to assist in fighting the Kincade fire.



[BELMONT THANK YOU VIDEO \(C CO\).mp4](#)
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Come and See the New Community Center Conceptual Design

THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY Committee will be presented to a joint session of the Parks and Recreation and Planning Commissions. These designs are the culmination of input from the Belmont Community gathered throughout 2019, but there is still much work to be done to make this vision a reality.

The two upcoming opportunities to see it live will be presented on:

- **Tuesday, Nov. 5th @7 pm** - Council Chambers (Joint Planning and Park & Rec Commission Mtg.)
- **Tuesday, Nov. 12th @ 7 pm** – Council Chambers (City Council meeting)

Your questions and comments are important to us! More information is available at <http://www.belmont.gov/bcc>

Belmont Adopt-a-Unit Returns Home

THE CITY OF BELMONT ADOPTED MILITARY UNIT, Cold-steel Cobras, just returned from deployment. Attached is a motivational video they sent as an appreciation of the support provided by the city.

To complete our support for this deployment, we are donating to fund their "Return from Deployment-Party." Thank you to everyone that helped with effort through donations of goods and time, when you watch the video you can see the support is appreciated. To learn more about this program visit the City website at [Adopt-a-Unit Program](#)

City of Belmont's Local Minimum Wage Increases in January 2020

CITY OF BELMONT MINIMUM WAGE IS \$15.00 PER HOUR Effective January 1, 2020. Employers who are subject to the Belmont Business License Tax or who maintain a facility in Belmont must pay to each employee who performs at least two (2) hours of work per week in Belmont, minimum wages not less than \$15.00 per hour.

The minimum wage requirement set forth in the Belmont Minimum Wage Ordinance applies to adult and minor employees who work two (2) or more hours per week (tips not included).



Beginning January 1, 2021, the Belmont minimum will be \$15.90, and annually thereafter the Belmont minimum wage will be adjusted based on the Regional Consumer Price Index.

For further details please visit the City's [Minimum wage website page](#)

California's State Auditor Ranks the Fiscal Health of over 470 California Cities - Belmont Ranks in Top Tier



Late last week the California State Auditor issued a press release ranking over 470 California cities' fiscal health. As part of the State Auditor's high-risk local government audit program, a process has been established for determining whether a local government agency is at risk of fiscal distress. The Auditor will launch its most comprehensive analysis of cities, and has made public a website with the rankings. Staff is pleased to report that Belmont has been ranked in the top "green" tier, indicating a low risk of fiscal distress and that no further monitoring by the State Auditor is necessary. For more information on this, please see the website: https://www.auditor.ca.gov/bsa/cities_risk_index

TRAFFIC ADVISORIES

Hallmark Drive and Sherborne Drive:

The contractor for Verizon-MCI, will be continuing work in the Hallmark Drive and Sherborne Drive area. This work includes directional boring for new conduit for fiber optic and installation of junction boxes in the sidewalk areas. Work will start at the end of Hallmark Drive to Leigh Drive starting Monday, November 4, thru Friday, November 8, 2019.

Work hours are from 8am-5pm Monday-Friday. Traffic control will be in place in the work zones. Most of the construction will be on the shoulder of the roadway.

Ralston Ave at El Camino Real: November 4 - November 8 9 AM - 3 PM

Contractor will be performing underground utility fiber maintenance work at the intersection of Ralston Avenue and El Camino Real. In addition, the #2 eastbound lane (lane closest to sidewalk) will be temporarily closed. Traffic control, including signage, will be in place.

Mid-Peninsula Water – Water Main Project: October 31- November 4 8 AM – 4:30 PM



The contractor is currently paving the service laterals on Notre Dame Avenue this week and possibly the beginning of November 4. The contractor would like to complete all the asphalt concrete work on Notre Dame Avenue from Terrace Drive to Valley View Avenue. Further updates can be found at www.MidPeninsulaWater.org/traffic

During construction hours of 8:00 am to 4:30 pm motorists can expect one lane traffic control and up to 15-minute delays through this area, in addition please be aware of heavy equipment, construction personnel, and increased noise levels. Access for local Residents and Emergency Vehicles will be maintained at all times.

Please drive safe through construction zones.

Annual Community Service Award

DO YOU KNOW A BELMONT RESIDENT WHO HAS GIVEN SIGNIFICANT SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, supported safety efforts and fostered connections in their neighborhood? Or an individual or group who has helped distinguish Belmont as a place for a variety of sports and cultural opportunities for all ages? Nominate someone you know who is making a difference in Belmont for the 2019 Community Service Award!

Nominees should exemplify one or more of the following:

- Exceptional commitment to volunteerism by helping with a special project and/or ongoing activities;
- Unselfish leadership, creativity, cooperation, and hard work in the service to others;
- Inspiration to others as a role model;
- Exemplary leadership in civic activities.



Any individual whose volunteer efforts directly benefit the Belmont community is eligible. Nomination forms are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 22nd. Nomination forms are available online at www.belmont.gov/award, or at City Hall, One Twin Pines Lane. The Award, along with the Annual Beautiful Belmont Awards, will be presented at the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 PM.

Mayor Davina Hurt states, *"It takes a village of people caring to make Belmont a wonderful place to live, work and play. We look forward to showcasing a few individuals who have put their best foot forward in the community. As Abraham Lincoln stated, 'I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives; I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him.'"*

For more information about Belmont's Community Service Award, please call the Finance Department at 595-7433, or go to the City of Belmont website at www.belmont.gov/award.

13th Annual Beautiful Belmont Awards Program – Call for Nominations

THE CITY IS CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY FOR BOTH THE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL categories. Awards will be presented at the City Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00 PM.

This recognition program is designed to acknowledge individuals, businesses, and community groups who have enhanced the City 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 Afshin Oskoui states, *"This long-standing program is an excellent opportunity for the community to honor their neighbors. The City appreciates property owners for their efforts to help make the Belmont community a desirable place to live, work and play!"*

For more information about the Beautiful Belmont Awards Program or to obtain a nomination form, please call the Finance Department at 595-7433 or go to the City of Belmont website at www.belmont.gov/beautifulbelmont.



Parks

A SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROJECT WAS COMPLETED on Belburn Avenue adjacent to Barrett Community Center. In conjunction with public works, a large section of sidewalk and asphalt was replaced. The sidewalk replacement project is a significant improvement to Belburn Avenue and Barrett Community Center.



Landscape maintenance was conducted at Alexander and Twin Pines Park. Fall maintenance included leaf drop removal and seasonal shrub pruning. In addition, several trees were pruned for general health and aesthetics. At Twin Pines Park, general maintenance was conducted around the Veterans Memorial and Eric Reed Grove. Irrigation repairs and improvements to the hardscape were made. The annual Veterans Day event will take place November 11, at 11:00am at the Veterans Memorial in Twin Pines Park.



Irrigation valve replacements were made at several locations including the Sports Complex and Ralston Avenue. In both cases, the irrigation valves were replaced. A manufacturing defect caused the vales to leak.

The Hideout

THE HIDEOUT HAD A SPOOKTAKULAR WEEK! We were open for business for extended hours to match Ralston Middle School's week of minimum days. Activities included board games, video games and a pumpkin carving contest. Thanks to the Footsteps kids who served as judges. Thursday was our first ever Trunk or Treat! Kids decorated a 'vintage' car and handed out candy and gifts to all the children at Barrett. Friday it's back to healthy smoothies made on our kid-powered smoothie bike. The fun is free and open to all Belmont middle schoolers. Come check it out!




For Your Calendar



**Holiday Poetry
& Caroling**

Join us for poetry readings, caroling,
cookies, & hot cider

DECEMBER 3RD, 6-7:30PM
MANOR HOUSE, 10 TWIN PINES LANE



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Join Our Team-City of Belmont Employment Opportunities



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

-  [Park and Recreation Building Attendant](#)
-  [Police Dispatcher \(Entry Level Candidate\)](#)
-  [Police Dispatcher \(Lateral Candidates\) Police Officer \(Entry Level-Lateral\)](#)
-  [Preschool Teacher](#)

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