

City Manager's Weekly Update – November 8, 2019

City News You Need to Know

Happening Next Week

All Gave Some, Some Gave All

City Hall offices will be closed on Monday November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day. Please join the Mayor and City Council at a ceremony honor our Veterans at the Twin Pines Park Veteran's Memorial on Monday, at 11:00 a.m. We are honored to have Vietnam veteran; County Supervisor Warren Slocum join us as keynote speaker.



New Community Center Conceptual Design

An opportunity presents itself at the Tuesday, evening, November 12th Council meeting with a special presentation for the public to view the designs.



HIGHLIGHTS

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Nov 11 – Annual Veteran's Day Event

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Recognizing Outstanding Public Service to the City of Belmont



ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH, the City Council will recognize John Violet for his 25 years of public service to the City Belmont. John was elected City Treasurer in 2003 and served the Belmont citizens in that capacity for 16 years prior to that he John Violet served as a respected and admired member of the City of Belmont's Finance Commission for 9 years. John also served on the Belmont-Redwood Shores School District Board for 8 years, two of which he served as Board President.

The Council will also formally recognize former Councilmember Doug Kim. Doug was elected to the City Council in November of 2015 and served as Mayor in 2018, prior to his election to City Council in 2015, Doug served on the Belmont Planning Commission from 2013 until 2015 and served as its Chair in 2015. He gave his time to numerous committees and inter-governmental assignments. Doug was an advocate for improvements to Belmont's infrastructure, and assisted in the successful passage of Measure I in 2016, bringing much needed funds to improve streets and sewer systems.

In addition, newly appointed Councilmember Tom McCune will be formally sworn to service with family in friends attendance. Tom was appointed in October 21nd and took his place at the Council dais at a regular Council meeting the following day. His appointment fills a seat vacated by Doug Kim for the term ending November 2020. Tom has considerable experience in serving the Belmont Community. He served on the Belmont Planning Commission since 2014, he served the commission as chair for a second time before he was appointed to the Council. He previously served on the Finance Commission and the Infrastructure as hoc/Measure I Committee. He brings with him vast knowledge in infrastructure management, environmental management, financial management, city and strategic planning amongst

other skills that will ensure continuity on the Council and Council priorities.

The City of Belmont is a better place for having, elected and appointed these talented, dedicated individuals to serve the citizens and their wellbeing. The City appreciates their contributions in helping make Belmont a desirable place to live, work, and play.

City Projects Progress

Measure I Funded Storm Drain Project



The City's Measure I funded Storm Drain Improvements project is now substantially complete! City's contractor has completed spot repairs, cured-in-place-pipe (CIPP) rehabilitation and new pipe installations at locations throughout the City. With only a few punch list items remaining, the City's system will be fully functioning before the autumn rains begin! Your Measure I investments at work!



Ralston Avenue Corridor Improvement Project Segments 1 and 2

THROUGHOUT THE CORRIDOR GREEN BICYCLE PAVEMENT markings were installed. New sidewalk furniture was also installed on Ralston Avenue. As the downtown area develops in years to come, additional benches and bike racks will be installed. Next week, work along El Camino Real between Ralston Avenue and

Emmett Avenue will continue and require lane closures.



Hillman Avenue Sewer Work

Contractor is continuing installation of the new pipe using pipe reaming trenchless technology on Hillman Avenue along with service lateral reconnection. Traffic control is in place during construction which is supposed to last for 2 more weeks.



Traffic Advisories

Ralston Corridor Improvement Project Segments 1 and 2 - Lane Closure Week: 11-15-19

- # 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



Tahoe Drive Area Improvements – Mid Peninsula Water District - November 12 – November 15

The contractor is currently working on Muir Way running service connections, extending into the week of November 11-15, and planning to do a tie-in connection on Tioga Way and/or Muir Way for the week of November 11-15.

No work is scheduled for Monday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day.

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. Should you have any questions, please contact the District Inspector Rick Bisio: 650-222-0428.

It is recommended that affected motorists make necessary accommodations or use alternate routes as they see fit. We apologize for the inconvenience and we appreciate your cooperation.

Parks and Facilities

FALL IS HERE AND SEASONAL MAINTENANCE IS IN FULL SWING at parks and facilities. At Barrett Community Center, roofs and gutters were cleaned. Tree limbs and shrubs were cut back from the building and lighting fixtures. Part of the seasonal maintenance at Barrett includes video filming the drains for blockages such as roots and other debris. Roots and debris are then removed, thus ensuring smooth flowing drainages through the rainy season. Tree branches and shrubs were removed in Twin Pines Park, along Ralston Avenue. The tree limbs had grown precariously close to the signal poles and street lighting. While up in the trees, staff used the opportunity to conduct selective pruning, removing dead wood and allowing for proper air travel through the tree canopies. This type of preventive tree pruning helps to minimize tree limb failures.

Landscape maintenance was also conducted at Cipriani and Alexander Parks. At Cipriani, significant amounts of leaf litter were removed from the park. If left unaddressed, the leaf litter will smother the lawn and hamper growth. Shrubs and trees were also pruned throughout the park. At Alexander Park, trees and shrubs were pruned back from the basketball court and picnic area. Graffiti was removed from several surfaces, including restroom walls and picnic tables.



Fresh plants were planted at the Veterans Memorial/Eric Reed Grove in Twin Pines Park. The annual Veterans Day Event will take place Monday, November 11, 2019 at 11 a.m. Keynote speaker is Vietnam veteran County Supervisor Warren Slocum.



Belmont Community and Learning Center

BOSWICK THE CLOWN PERFORMED at the BCLC Halloween party, and the children proudly displayed their costumes at the Halloween Parade!



"If you are a dreamer, come in." Shel Silverstein's words in the opening poem read by Belmont Poet Laureate Jacki Rigoni.

She then engaged the children with works by Maya Angelou and others. "Words help you paint a picture in your mind," said Ms. Rigoni.

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Holiday Events

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Want to get a head start on holiday gift shopping? Join us at the Holiday Craft Faire on November 23rd 9am to 5pm in Twin Pines Park.

Prefer a quieter evening of holiday caroling and poetry? Join us at the 2nd Annual Holiday Poetry and Caroling Night on December 3rd at 6pm at the Manor House in Twin Pines Park. This free event is co-sponsored with the Belmont Library.

Looking for Santa? Come to the Firehouse #14 at 911 Granada Street between 5:30 and 8pm on December 12th. It's also a toy drive, so please bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to those in need.

Flyers with all the pertinent information are at the bottom of this document, hope to see you there!

Know of Someone Who Has Given Significant Service to The Community?

Is it your neighbor, a teacher, a volunteer? Nominate the 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 Com-

munity Service Award! 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 information about this award and the forms are located at www.belmont.gov/award. Or call the Finance Department at 595-7433.



Does your Neighbor's Property Have an Outstanding Street Presence?

The City is calling for nominations for both resident and commercial properties or community groups that 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. 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

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](#)

Events for the Family

BELMONT'S ANNUAL
Holiday Craft Faire

Saturday, November 23 | 9AM - 5PM

TWIN PINES PARK

- 🎀 Twin Pines Cottage
- 🎀 Twin Pines Lodge
- 🎀 Twin Pines Manor
- 🎀 Twin Pines Senior & Community Center

Free admission
Live music
Refreshments

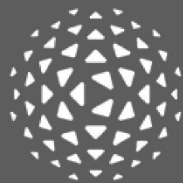




Holiday Poetry & Caroling

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

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



San Mateo
County
Libraries





SANTA AT THE FIREHOUSE AND TOY DRIVE

Thursday, December 12, 2019 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Belmont Fire Station #14 - 911 Granada St. Belmont



FREE EVENT! PLEASE BRING AT LEAST ONE UNWRAPPED TOY FOR A CHILD IN NEED.



For more information please call 650-595-7441

Belmont Parks & Recreation Department







"Enhancing the Quality of Life for the Community"



Join Our Team-City of Belmont Employment Opportunities



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

-  [Public Works Director](#)
-  [Accountant I/II](#)
-  [Park and Recreation Building Attendant](#)
-  [Police Dispatcher \(Entry Level Candidate\)](#)
-  [Police Dispatcher \(Lateral Candidates\)](#)
-  [Preschool Teacher](#)

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Do you have new or gently used coats?

Recology San Mateo County is pleased to offer our Coats for Kids program, which will provide gently used and new coats of all sizes to families in need.



RecologySanMateoCounty.com | 650.595.3900

Nov. 4th-15th



November 6, 2019
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Caltrain Roadshow of Model Future Electric Fleet Comes to San Mateo

Caltrain's miniature model of its future electric trains, set to begin service in 2022, comes to San Mateo this week. This outreach effort aims to provide information about electrification and raise additional awareness around the benefits of Caltrain's modernization projects.

After making an appearance at the SAMCEDA Economic Outlook Conference in the morning of Friday, November 8, the to-scale replica train will travel to the San Mateo Main Library, where it will remain through Thursday, November 14. Since it began in August, the roadshow has been displayed at a range of events, including the Caltrain Board of Directors meeting, Facebook Festivals and a series of pop ups and community meetings. More information about the traveling roadshow can be found on the Caltrain Modernization website at www.CalMod.org/Roadshow.

The Caltrain Electrification project is a key component of the Caltrain Modernization Program that will electrify the corridor from the San Francisco Caltrain Station at 4th and King Streets to approximately the Tamien Station in San Jose, replacing diesel-hauled trains with electric trains. Electrification will improve Caltrain's system performance, enable more frequent and/or faster train service and minimize long-term environmental impact by reducing noise, improving regional air quality and decreasing greenhouse gas emissions.

For more information, or if you are interested in hosting the model train, visit www.CalMod.org

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Jim Hartnett Named Most Admired CEO

Jim Hartnett, General Manager/CEO of the San Mateo County Transit District, has been named one of San Francisco Business Times' [Most Admired CEOs](#). The award recognizes outstanding CEOs for their leadership, vision and values.

Hartnett's fellow honorees include CEO's from the Oakland Athletics, the University of California San Francisco, and Blue Shield. Past honorees include chief executives from some of the Bay Area's leading organizations, including Levi Strauss & Co, Kaiser Permanente, the Golden State Warriors, Williams-Sonoma, and the San Francisco Giants.

As General Manager/CEO of the District, Hartnett is responsible for transportation and mobility services that the Peninsula depends on to fuel economic competitiveness and provide commute alternatives that reduce traffic and serve the most vulnerable members of our communities. In this role, he oversees the management and operation of both the Caltrain commuter rail service and the SamTrans fixed route bus and paratransit services, and also manages the administration of approximately \$180 million/year in voter approved sales taxes for multi modal transportation improvements in San Mateo County.

"Our region is very fortunate to have Jim working on behalf of our communities to manage and improve the services that so many of us depend on", said Carole Groom who chairs the District's Board of Directors and also serves as President of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. "Under his leadership, we are making great strides toward securing a better transportation future of the Peninsula at a time when we need it most."

Since being named CEO of the District in 2015, Hartnett's leadership has helped implement transformative improvements and achievements including:

- Securing over \$2 billion in local, state, regional and federal funds to prepare the Caltrain corridor for expanded service and the operation of new, high-performance electric trains.
- The creation of a Caltrain Business Plan that calls for implementation of a 2040 Service Vision that would increase service throughout the corridor and triple ridership, putting the equivalent of 5.5 lanes of traffic on Caltrain instead of our highways.
- The approval of San Mateo County's Measure W in 2018, which provides approximately \$90 million/year for enhanced local and regional transit services, bike and pedestrian improvements, and solutions that address traffic congestion on regional highways and local streets and roads.
- The launch of popular new express bus service connecting San Francisco and Mateo County communities and job centers that has taken hundreds of commuters out of their cars since it launched in August 2019.
- An historic private sector partnership with Cross Bay Transit Partners to explore creating a new rail transit connection between the Peninsula and the East Bay along the Dumbarton Rail Corridor.

"I am humbled to receive this recognition," said Hartnett. "It is a direct reflection of the extraordinary work and talent of our Executive Team and all of the staff at the District. I am very proud to accept this award on behalf of the entire organization."