

City Manager's Weekly Update – November 27, 2019

City News You Need to Know

City Hall Offices will be Closed on Thursday
November 28th thru Sunday December 1st.
We'd like to extend warm wishes for a



HIGHLIGHTS

Council/Commission Meetings

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Dec 4 - Park and Rec Commission Meeting

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Ray Iverson Named New San Mateo Consolidated Fire Chief

IVERSON WAS CHOSEN BY THE SAN MATEO CONSOLIDATED Fire Department Board, which is comprised of councilmembers from the three cities the agency serves. Iverson will be charged with continuing to lead the new fire department into its second year. San Mateo Consolidated Fire commenced operations on January 13, and was formed by the establishment of a Joint Powers Authority that represents the merger of departments in San Mateo, Foster City and Belmont. The new department — comprised of nine stations and 154 full-time employees — has over 260 years of combined history providing emergency services in the three communities.



Ray Iverson, Deputy Fire Chief of the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department, will assume the position of Fire Chief on December 27, 2019, upon the retirement of Chief John Healy.

Prior to his service in San Mateo, Iverson previously worked as a Fire Service Manager in the private sector. He also has an extensive background in fire service from various departments throughout Northern California which include serving as Assistant Chief/Fire Marshal for Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District; Fire Marshal with City of Benicia Fire Department; Fire Inspector with Contra Costa County Fire Protection District & City of Vacaville; and as a Firefighter with City of Union City, City of Vacaville and American Canyon Fire Protection District.

Iverson holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fire Administration and is currently pursuing Master of Public Administration Degree with a concentration in Emergency Services Management, both from

Columbia Southern University. He also has an Associate of Fire Technology degree from Solano Community College. He is a State Certified Chief Officer, making him highly qualified to assume the leadership of the department.

Iverson has served in numerous services, academic, and leadership roles, including as President for International Fire Service Foundation, Adjunct Faculty for City College of San Francisco, and as Sergeant at Arms of the Rotary Club of San Mateo. Iverson was born in Oakland, grew up in Oakland and Vallejo and is currently a San Mateo resident.

Holiday Events

BELMONT PARKS AND REC IS HOSTING SEVERAL EXCITING holiday events to celebrate the holiday season.

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.



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"

Prevent Storm Drain Clogs, Adopt a Drain Today



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. Visit <https://www.belmont.gov/i-want-to/contribute/adopt-a-storm-drain>

Winter Storm Preparation

Seasonal maintenance took place at parks and facilities in preparation for the first significant rain event of the season. Roofs and gutters were cleared of leaves and debris. Drainage "hot spots" were also cleaned and cleared of the accumulated debris.



Holiday decorations were hung in Twin Pines Park. The Holiday Poetry and Caroling event will take place Tuesday, December 3rd at the Manor House in Twin Pines Park (10 Twin Pines Lane, Belmont, CA) from 6-7:30. Join poet laureate Jacki Rigoni, Mayor Hurt and councilmembers for a poetry reading, caroling, cookies and hot cider.



Thirty trees were delivered to residents this week as part of the annual Plant A Tree program. Interested participants may fill out a form in the Fall Parks Department Activity Guide and trees must be planted on their Belmont property. Instructions regarding proper planting, watering and care are delivered with

the trees. The City of Belmont has the distinction of being recognized as a "Tree City USA" from the National Arbor Day Foundation and tree plantings help maintain that distinction.



The parks maintenance team partnered with public works this week to attend an annual chainsaw safety training course. The course covered safe operation, cutting techniques, and wood chipper operation. This valuable training allows staff to hone their skills and master specialized techniques that will be applied in the field. With the winter storm season ahead, this is always a timely and enjoyable refresher for staff.



TRAFFIC ADVISORIES

**Tahoe Drive Area Improvements Update
(Yosemite, Muir, Tioga)
December 2 – December 6
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM**

No work will be performed on Thursday, November 28 – Friday, November 29 in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Work will resume in the area on Monday, December 2 on Tahoe Drive.

During construction hours of 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, motorists can expect one lane traffic control and possible delays through this area. In addition, please be aware of heavy equipment, construction personnel, and increased noise levels. **Access for 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**

**Hallmark Project
December 2 – December 6
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

The contractor for Verizon-MCI, will be continuing work in the Hallmark/Sherborne Drive area. This work includes directional boring for new conduit for fiber optic and installation of junction boxes in the sidewalk areas. The contractor continues to encounter difficult soil conditions (rock). The contractor has submitted an updated construction schedule that will be strictly adhered to moving forward to complete the project in a timely fashion prior to the holidays.

This week's work will continue from the end of Hallmark Drive to Leigh Drive continuing Monday, December 2nd, through Friday, December 6th. 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. Please drive safely through construction zones.

Ralston Corridor Improvement Project Segments 1 and 2

**December 2 – December 6
Lane closures will be from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM**

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. Traffic control will be in place.

Measure I dollars at Work

2019 Storm and Sewer Projects

2019 Pavement Maintenance Project



Belmont Parks and Recreation's Winter/Spring 2020 Registration Now Open

[Activity registration](#) is now open! Check out our new [Activity Guide](#) to choose from over 240 programs.

NEW Afterschool Programs

- Junior Chef Cooking (Tuesdays)
- Mini Theater Musicals (Tuesdays)
- Fundamentals of A.I. & Computer Vision (Wednesdays)
- Earth, Wind, Inspire (Thursdays)
- Musical Theater Dance (Thursdays)

Ski Week and Spring Break Camps

[Engineering, fashion, cooking, musical theater, science and much more!](#)

Upcoming Special Events

- December 12: Santa at the Firehouse and Toy Drive
- February 5 & May 6: You, Me & We Workshop
- February 7: Parent/Child Sweetheart Dance
- April 11: Egg Adventure Hunt



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](#)



Effective Date	City of Belmont
July 1, 2018	\$12.50
January 1, 2019	\$13.50
January 1, 2020	\$15.00
January 1, 2021	\$15.90
January 1, 2022 and each following year	Regional CPI Increase, Up to 3.5%

GUN BUYBACK

Get cash for your unused or unwanted guns. No questions asked, we do not run ballistics, and you can remain completely anonymous. Receive up to \$100 cash for a handgun/shotgun/rifle, and up to \$200 cash for an assault rifle.

San Mateo County Sheriff Carlos G. Bolanos, Redwood City Police Chief Dan Mulholland, and Belmont Police Chief Tony Psaila are supporting an anonymous gun buyback event at 1000 Skyway Road in San Carlos on Saturday, December 14, 2019, from 9:30 am until 2:30 pm. Any individual can surrender firearms with no questions asked, and receive up to \$100 cash for a handgun, shotgun or rifle, and up to \$200 cash for an assault rifle.

San Mateo County Sheriff Carlos G. Bolanos stated "We are thankful to have citizens who are dedicated to creating safer communities and we are happy to facilitate anyone who is interested in getting rid of unwanted and unsecured guns in exchange for some money."

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ANONYMOUS GUN BUYBACK

- December 14, 2019 -
9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

1000 SKYWAY ROAD, SAN CARLOS, CA

PLEASE TRANSPORT YOUR FIREARMS UNLOADED AND IN THE TRUNK OF YOUR VEHICLE

Up to \$100	Up to \$200
FOR HANDGUNS, SHOTGUNS AND RIFLES	FOR ASSAULT WEAPONS AS CLASSIFIED IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PRESENTED BY
Citizens for a San Mateo County Gun Buyback

FUNDS ARE LIMITED & SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY
We reserve the right to limit the amount of funds an individual can receive regardless of the amount of firearms surrendered.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL: (650) 363-4800

Join Our Team-City of Belmont Employment Opportunities



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

- Building Attendant - Park and Recreation
- Police Dispatcher (Entry Level Candidate)
- Preschool Teacher

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