

City Manager's Weekly Update – December 6, 2019

City News You Need to Know

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, MAYOR HURT and City Council cordially invite you to the annual City Council reorganization. The Mayor and Vice Mayor seats will be decided for the calendar year 2020. The City Council will also recognize the Beautiful Belmont award winners and the recipients of the Community Service Award will be announced. Festivities will open with the Police Honor Guard and conclude with a social gathering with refreshments.



HIGHLIGHTS

Council/Commission Meetings

- [Dec 10 – City Council Meeting – Council Reorg](#)
- [Dec 17 – Planning Commission Meeting](#)
- [Dec 24 – Jan 1 Holiday Closure, City Office Closed](#)

Holiday Announcements, Flyers, Upcoming Events

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Holiday Events

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"



Councilmember, Tom McCune



Poet Laureate, Jacki Rigoni

Poetry, Storytelling, Caroling and More at the Manor

Poets and singers came together at the Manor House on Tuesday evening to celebrate the holiday season. Poet Laureate Jacki Rigoni curated a variety of poetry readings by local poets, culminating in a dramatic recitation of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' by councilmember McCune and a presentation of a Maya Angelou work by Mayor Davina Hurt. Terri Cook and friends provided musical accompaniment and perfectly pitched caroling voices.



Mayor, Davina Hurt

Artisan Crossing Ground Breaking Ceremony 1325 Old County Road

ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD MAYOR HURT, Councilmembers and Staff participated in an Groundbreaking Ceremony for the coming *Artisan Crossing Project* consisting of 250 housing units of which 38 will be in the affordable range along with 2000 sq. feet of commercial/community flex space. This project is in line with Council Priorities for economic development and affordable housing.



Belmont Community Learning Center – Thanksgiving

On November 27 we served a Thanksgiving Lunch for all the families. The children wore their handcrafted Pilgrim or Native American costumes.



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

Cleanup After First Storm

THE PARKS MAINTENANCE TEAM PARTNERED with public works this week to resolve several storm related issues and make improvements at Cipriani Park. At City Hall, heavy rain caused flooding issues. Parks maintenance staff sprang into action to remove the water from the building. Following the rain event, public works staff assisted in videoing and mapping the drainage system so that deficiencies could be located and repaired. The drains were cleared of debris and blockages and the system was restored to proper functionality.

At Cipriani Dog Park, sediment and debris caused near blockages in the storm drains. The drains were cleared of debris. While onsite with heavy equipment, the parks and public works team cleared existing drainpipes of blockages. To more permanently resolve the drainage challenges at the dog park, nearly 100 feet of new drainpipe was installed. New cleanouts were also installed along the drainage system to ease future maintenance. This effort greatly improved the drainage system at the dog park.



At Davey Glen Park, new signage was added that highlights the rain garden. A rain garden is a depressed area in the landscape that collects rainwater from a roof, driveway or street and allows it to soak into the ground. The rain garden is a cost effective and beautiful way to reduce runoff in the park. General landscape maintenance was also conducted while staff was onsite.



Want to Prevent Storm
Drain Clogs?
Adopt a Drain Today



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>

Storm Preparedness Sandbag Stations

Belmont has 3 sandbag stations throughout the city. Residents are allowed up to 10 FREE sandbags per property.

Fill-It-Yourself Sandbag Stations

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

City Hall
One Twin Pines Lane (rear parking lot)

Belmont Corp Yard
110 Sem Lane

Barrett Community Center
Parking lot off Ralston Avenue

Residents may obtain up to 10 bags per Belmont address.

For more information contact Public Works @ 650-595-7425

Traffic Advisories

Ewell Road
December 10 – December 12
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

The Public Works Department will be completing the sewer main line repair on Ewell Road next week and will be closing the road to do so, see details below:

- The closure will last from 8 am to 5 pm each day starting Tuesday December 10th, 2019 and last until Thursday December 12th 2019
- Residents of Ewell Road will be allowed to come and go but the road will be closed to all through traffic except emergency services
- There will be a detour in place to take traffic around Ewell Road on Cornet Boulevard and Pullman Avenue, see attached map

Mid-Peninsula Water District Malcolm Avenue Project December 12 – December 13

Mid-Peninsula’s paving contractor will be paving on Ruth Avenue to Anita Avenue on Thursday, December 12. The contractor will be paving from North Road to Ruth Avenue on Friday, December 13. Traffic control will be in place.

Please drive safe through all construction zones.

Hallmark Project December 9 – December 13 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

The contractor for Verizon-MCI, will be continuing work on the Hallmark/Sherborn 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 a revised 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 Leigh Way towards Somerset Drive starting Monday, December 9, thru Friday December 13, 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 Avenue Corridor Improvement Project Segments 1 and 2

Work continued at El Camino Real and Emmett Avenue. The widened pedestrian path is being constructed along with the new bulb-outs for the HAWK signal crossing. Lane closures are still required to complete the remaining construction of the crossing.

CERT Program Update and Volunteer Recognition

AT LAST WEEK'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING, San Mateo Consolidated Fire Emergency Services Specialist Sandra Firpo and BPD Captain Patrick Halleran provided an update to the City Council on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. Also, SMCDF Battalion Chief Bill Euchner recognized Belmont CERT Volunteer Cindy Bertsch for her numerous volunteer contributions, particularly her work as a moulage (simulated injury make-up) artist, for several large emergency drills.



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 adjust-ed based on the Regional Consumer Price Index. For further details please visit the [City's Minimum wage website page](#)



SAN MATEO COUNTY

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** FOR HANDGUNS, SHOTGUNS AND RIFLES

Up to **\$200** FOR ASSAULT WEAPONS AS CLASSIFIED IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PRESENTED BY
Citizens for a San Mateo County Gun Buyback

Redwood City Police Chief Dan Mulholland
San Mateo County Sheriff Carlos G. Bolarinos
Belmont Police Chief Tony Psalia
102.9 KBLX

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

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%

This Weekend the Holiday Train Toy Drive Marks Season of Giving

On Saturday, December 7, and Sunday, December 8, Caltrain will hold the annual [Holiday Train](#) toy drive event presented by Silicon Valley Community Foundation for Bay Area residents from San Francisco to the South Bay.

Decorated with more than 75,000 glittering lights, the Holiday Train will visit nine Caltrain stations over the weekend. At each of the train's [20-minute station stops](#), people can join in singing with onboard carolers and the Salvation Army Christmas Brass Ensemble. Santa, Mrs. Claus and their extended family – including Frosty the Snowman and Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer – will get off the train to greet kids and pose for pictures. Prior to the arrival of the train, families can enjoy free entertainment at each of the Holiday Train station stops as well as local community events like the [Hometown Holidays Parade](#) in Redwood City and the inaugural [Winter Ice Rink](#) in Downtown Sunnyvale.

"We are grateful to the generous Bay Area residents who have donated more than 50,000 toys since the start of this local tradition in 2001," said Caltrain Executive Director Jim Hartnett. "This event would not be possible without the support of Silicon Valley Community Foundation, sponsors and our staff for helping us provide this magical experience to the communities we serve."

In addition to offering families free holiday fun, the Holiday Train offers an opportunity to donate new toys or books to local children whose families are struggling to make ends meet. Caltrain is proud to partner with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve [Toys for Tots](#) program and The Salvation Army to help make the season brighter for everyone.

"The Salvation Army relies on the generosity of the people in the greater Bay Area who donate toys every year as part of the Caltrain Holiday Train event," said Captain Matt Madsen, Divisional Secretary for The Salvation Army in San Francisco. "The toys donated during these two

days are greatly needed for our local toy programs in San Francisco and throughout the Peninsula. Thanks to the Caltrain Holiday Train many children will get a gift this Christmas."

Holiday Train Schedule

Saturday, December 7

Station	Arrive
San Francisco	4:00 p.m.
Burlingame	5:25 p.m.
Redwood City	6:10 p.m.
Mountain View	7:25 p.m.
Santa Clara	8:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 8

Station	Arrive
San Francisco	4:00 p.m.
Millbrae	5:20 p.m.
San Mateo	6:00 p.m.
Menlo Park	7:05 p.m.
Sunnyvale	7:50 p.m.

Community Support

Santa's helpers can get into the holiday spirit by donating or becoming a sponsor on the Holiday Train website, holiday-train.org, and by following Caltrain and Silicon Valley Community Foundation on Twitter using the hashtag **#HolidayTrain2019** to help spread the word. All Holiday Train donations are collected by and distributed through Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

Sponsors

The Holiday Train would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors for everything from decorations and wiring to costumes.

This year, our Locomotive Sponsor includes The Dirk and Charlene Kabcenell Foundation, and our Media Sponsors include [The Daily Journal](#), [The San Francisco Examiner](#). In-kind sponsors include Enlighted Inc. a Siemen's Company, Jim's Handyman Services, Classic Graphics, [Peterson Technical Services](#) and the [Subway](#) store located in the San Francisco Caltrain Station.

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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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