

# City Manager's

## Weekly Update – December 13, 2019

City News You Need to Know

### Mayor and Vice Mayor 2020 Selected

ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> the Belmont City Council held it's annual Reorganization meeting. Belmont constituents, families and local dignitaries were present to recognize outgoing Mayor Davina Hurt, the swearing in of Police personnel and recognizing the Beautiful Belmont and Community Service Award-ees. Council also recognized retiring Fire Chief John Healy.



THE COUNCIL SELECTED WARREN LIEBERMAN a thirteen-year veteran on the Council to serve as the Mayor and Charles Stone as the Vice Mayor for 2020.



## HIGHLIGHTS

### **Council/Commission Meetings**

Dec 17 – *Planning Commission Meeting*

Dec 24 – *Jan 1 Holiday Closure, City Office Closed*

### **This Weekend**

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MAYOR DAVINA HURT recognized Fire Chief Healy for his 16 ½ years of service to the citizens of San Mateo and the new San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department. Chief Healy will retire later this month.



## City of Belmont Year in Review 2019



BELMONT PD'S NEWEST SERGEANT, Michael Thompson and first Police Cadet, Brandon Blair, were sworn in. Sgt. Thompson has been with Belmont PD for 18 years and has held many assignments and positions, including Field Training Officer, Detective and Corporal. Cadet Blair is beginning his law enforcement career here in Belmont. Congratulations to Michael and Brandon.



### 2019 at a Glance

THE CITY OF BELMONT IS PROUD TO HIGHLIGHT the 2019 Year in Review, a glance that offers a snapshot of the City's accomplishments and accolades for the year. Our focus has been to preserve our past while planning for tomorrow.

A printable version of the Year in Review is available on the [City's Website](#).

During 2019, the City took strides and received recognition for its efforts in sound financial reporting, public safety, LGBTQ inclusion, technology, housing, city planning, community preparedness, sustainability, and economic development.

The following are just a few of the City's major accomplishments in 2019:

- Council Adopted Economic Development Implementation Action Plan and approved a dedicated Economic Development and Housing Manager position.
- In 2019 Three affordable housing projects in Belmont were awarded San Mateo County Affordable Housing Fund, totaling \$8,050,000.
- Over 100 residential condos and 15000 sf of commercial space were brought online with the completion of the Ashton and Belmino developments on El Camino Real.
- The Artisan Crossing broke ground in November, adding an additional 250 residential

apartments, and 2,000 sq. feet of community use flex space.

- The Firehouse Square Project was entitled/approved in October– adding 81 new housing units, and 3700 sf commercial space, a signature downtown development (Anticipated Construction Start Fall 2020) .
- Over \$19 million in pavement, drainage, sewer, and transportation projects were under construction in 2019, investing in our quality of life by building and maintaining the foundation of our City.
- Focused on Quality recreation and park improvements by:
  - Completing the O’Donnell Park Playground improvements, and first ever Twin Pines Park Masterplan.
  - Advanced community engagement by completing the conceptual design for a new Belmont Community Center at Barrett; and
  - Completed the plans and financing to begin construction of the sports fields improvements at Belmont Sports Complex.

We thank the City Council, Belmont Community, and Staff for their support!

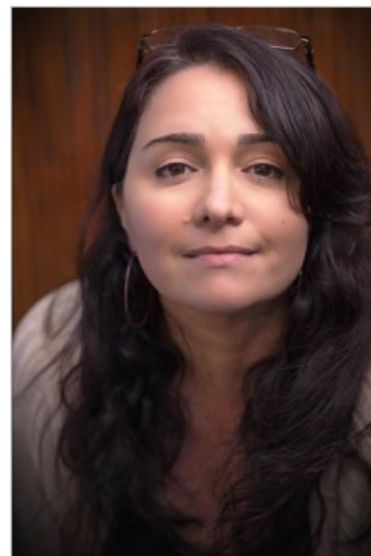
### Community Service Award

Council recognized the recipients of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Service Award for 2019. Congratulations to **Denny Lawhern, Gina Latimerlo, and John Violet**



DENNY was nominated and selected for his unselfish leadership, cooperation and commitment to the Belmont community, particularly through his contributions to the preservation of Belmont’s history, being the face and guiding hand of the Belmont Historical

Society for nearly twenty years and his tireless dedication to being an active and leader in the community, including neighborhood associations and the Planning Commission. Congratulations, Denny!



GINA is also another deserving winner of our Community Service Award this year, as she has been an active steward of her neighborhood and a champion for Belmont as a whole. Her countless hours of dedication to the betterment of Belmont, creating

community and upholding Belmont’s traditions and history have not gone unrecognized! Gina is heralded as a true example of selfless volunteerism and a community advocate. Congratulations, Gina!

JOHN is the epitome of a Belmont public servant and has been selected for his longtime, selfless community service to the City, School District, Belmont Library, and the Belmont community in general. His passionate concern for Belmont’s schools and his



extraordinary commitment to civil engagement has contributed indelibly to the betterment of Belmont. John is a good listener and provides calm, thoughtful, confidential and educational counsel on school and city

concerns; his leadership and commitment to the Belmont community makes him very deserving of this award. Congratulations, John!

There will be a call for nominations for the 2020 Community Service Award later next year. Please visit [www.belmont.gov/award](http://www.belmont.gov/award) to nominate someone next year!

**2019 Beautiful Belmont Awards**

CITY COUNCIL recognized 7 recipients of the Beautiful Belmont Award. Since 2007, this program acknowledges property owners who have enhanced Belmont's community by making noticeable exterior improvements that have had a positive impact on the surrounding area. Congratulations to this year's deserving award winners!



**Residential Category**

*In recognition of their efforts to enhance the Belmont community by making significant improvements to these properties.*



*Shoreline Assets Group, LLC (Oscar Lito Jaojoco)  
2417 Coronet Blvd.*



*Leaver Construction  
3218 Adelaide Way*



*Asmir Begic  
2104 Coronet Blvd.*



*Natsuki & Utku Zihnioglu  
1105 Tahoe Drive*



*The Ashton – 400 El Camino Real*

**Commercial/Institutional Category**

*THE following properties received recognition in the non-residential category for their contributions.*



*BPR Hotels – Homewood Suites Belmont  
1201 Shoreway Road*



*CHS Development Group (Belmino)  
600 El Camino Real*

For more information on the Beautiful Belmont Award, please contact Nawel Voelker at (650) 595-7433 or visit [www.belmont.gov/beautifulbelmont](http://www.belmont.gov/beautifulbelmont)

*Thank you to all the winners for making Belmont a better place to live, work, and do business.*

**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. Bolanos    Belmont Police Chief Tony Pysala

**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**

### 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



### Want to Prevent Storm Drain Clogs?



#### 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>

### 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.

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%

### Traffic Advisories

Ralston Corridor Improvement Project  
Segments 1 and 2  
December 16 – December 20  
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.



### Hallmark Project

December 16 – December 20  
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

The contractor for Verizon-MCI, will be continuing work on 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 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.

### Parks

Concrete repairs were made at Barrett Community Center in the Community Learning Center play area. Several sections of cracked concrete were removed and then repaired. While onsite staff also repaired latches and gates and conducted general maintenance on the play structures. Several garden plots were repaired in the Community Garden. Rotten wood was replaced with fresh boards and hardware.

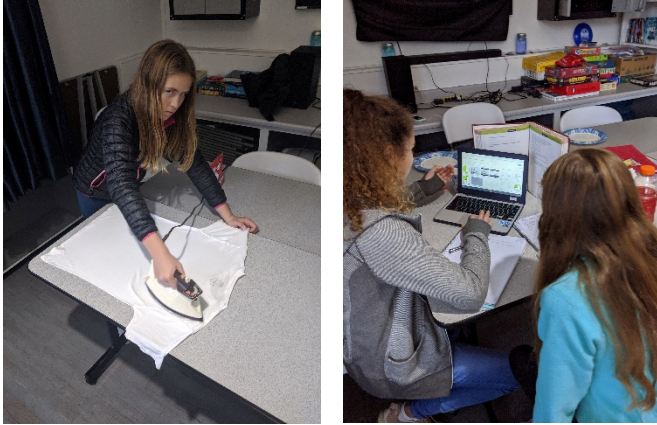


At Twin Pines Park, seasonal maintenance was conducted including the clearing of storm related debris from drains and landscape areas. Trees and shrubs were pruned, and weeds were removed from landscape beds. General landscape maintenance was also conducted at Cipriani and Hallmark Parks. Preventive maintenance was conducted at Belameda Park. Wisteria vines and shrubs were pruned back from pillars and the building. Leaves and debris were cleared from drains and gutters.

### Parks and Recreation Activities

#### Hideout

After a Thanksgiving break full of fun, family, and food, the Hideout kids had plenty of homework on Monday. Once they finished their work, we had our first life skills lessons where we taught the kids how to iron! They took turns practicing on a couple shirts after they learned how to properly use the iron. Feel free to test them over the holidays. Perhaps there are napkins and tablecloths to de-wrinkle!



On Tuesday we had a scavenger hunt. On Wednesday the kids got to make their own holiday bark. They layered white chocolate and semisweet chocolate and got to choose between a variety of candy bars as the topping. On Thursday the kids practiced their breathing skills in our first meditation class, as part of the new Barrett Youth Wellness Program. On Friday the kids played a big game of tail tag.

Tonight, the Hideout will be hosting it's first 'Pizza and Paint' event from 5:30-7:00pm. More info can be found on [park and recreation/hideout webpage](#)

### Santa at the Fire House – Toy Drive

Thanks to all who made the Santa Event a success! Many wishes were whispered into Santa's ear and many gifts were donated for those in need. Twin Pines Senior and Community Center



THE HIDEOUT PRESENTS  
**PIZZA & PAINT**

Join us for night of fun and painting. Learn some new skills while enjoying some pizza. All participants will take home a free Canvas

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13**  
5:30 - 7:00PM  
GRADES 6-8

**BARRETT COMMUNITY CENTER, ROOM E**  
[WWW.BELMONT.GOV/YOUTHTEENS](http://WWW.BELMONT.GOV/YOUTHTEENS)  
(650) 595-7441

**Please note:**

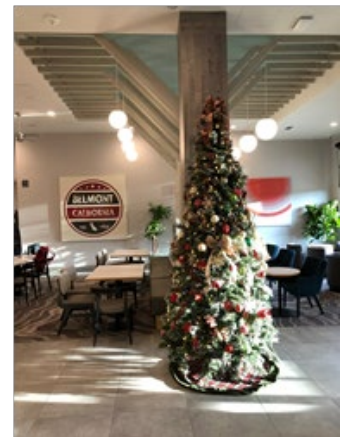
Twin Pines Senior and Community Center will be closed December 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> for annual maintenance.  
Senior activities will resume on January 2, 2020.

*Happy Holidays from Parks & Recreation!*

**Welcome Hilton Homewood Suites**

Mayor Lieberman and Councilmember McCune with Staff and members of the Belmont Chamber of Commerce welcomed Hilton Homewood Suites to the Belmont Community as it opens its doors during a Grand Opening Celebration on Thursday, December 12th.




This 5-story hotel boasts 96-room suites with free breakfast, Wi-Fi, complimentary evening amenities, free parking, indoor pool, fitness center and a business center. Welcome to Belmont!



### 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

### Make the Connection Find Out More



[City Calendar/Events](#)  
[Community Center](#)  
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