

# City Manager's

## Weekly Update – December 20, 2019

City News You Need to Know

### End of a Decade

As we say farewell 2019, we'd like to thank the members of the great Belmont Community for all of your support throughout the year. Although road closures, traffic delays and such can be difficult sometimes, we are striving to make Belmont an even better place to live, work and play. Our priority is you and there is much more to come in the new decade of 2020.

We wish you all Happy Holidays with some reminders for the days to come.



**City administrative offices will be closed December 25, 2018 through January 1, 2019. Offices will reopen on January 2, 2019.** The following offices will be closed:

- City Clerk
- City Manager
- Community Development
- Finance (including business licenses)
- Human Resources
- Information Technology
- Permit Center (incl. building inspections)
- Recreation Administration
- Public Works Administration

## HIGHLIGHTS

### **Council/Commission Meetings**

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

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The Belmont Senior and Community Center and Belmont Community Learning Center (childcare) will also be closed during this period.

Police, Fire, and Public Works field services will be fully operational. For emergencies, call 9-1-1.

For non-emergency matters, please call (650) 595-7400.

Emergency Contact Information for other city departments is available through the Police Dispatch unit at (650) 595-7400.

### **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 Master-plan.
- 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!

### **Belmont PD Partners in Gun Buyback Event**

For the third time, Belmont Police partnered with the Redwood City Police and San Mateo County Sheriff for a Gun Buyback Event, held last weekend in San Carlos. The event, organized and funded by the Citizens for a San Mateo County Gun Buyback, resulted in 392 firearms including eight assault weapons, being collected. A total of \$39,700 was paid for the guns, with participants receiving up to \$100 cash for a handgun, shotgun or rifle and up to

\$200 for assault rifles. The guns were accepted anonymously with no questions asked and will be destroyed by law enforcement.



At Twin Pines Park, landscape maintenance included tree trimming and shrub pruning throughout the park, including hedges near the Meadow and Senior Center. At Barrett Community Center, walls were painted and other cleanup occurred to address vandalism. Tree guards were removed from the sycamore trees along El Camino Real. The tree grates at ground level are also being adjusted to accommodate the growing trees.



### Parks, Fields, Facilities

Seasonal field maintenance is underway at the Sports Complex this week. On Marina Field, repairs include sod replacement and infield maintenance. Over the course of the season, the red rock from the infield migrates and high and low spots form. Part of this years improvements include dragging back the red rock from the infield/outfield interface and spreading it evenly throughout the infield. In addition, several feet of worn sod around the radius was removed from the outfield and will be replaced. Other maintenance includes base peg replacement and dugout repairs.

At Cipriani Tot Lot, repairs were made to the wood play area perimeter and bench. The existing wood was past its usefulness and had become splintered and dry-rotted. While onsite, staff also made minor adjustments/maintenance to the play structure.





### The Hideout

As the year winds down the Hideout kids have been hard at work finishing their homework before going on break. But even with this busy season there is still time to have some fun. On Monday, we went out to the field for a big soccer showdown a very fun and only slightly muddy day. Tuesday, we brought out the smoothie bike and tried a new mix of fruit. They were a big hit and ran out in minutes!

Getting into the holiday spirit, Wednesday teams were formed for a gingerbread house contest. Each team was judged on how well they worked together, how much effort they put into planning out the design, and overall look and taste of the house. Thursday saw a continuation of our life skills program as the kids got a lesson on how to wash and dry their own clothes. They talked about what they already knew, learned some new information, and finished with a quiz. So now they have no excuse to not help around the house! On Friday we started the day by making holiday parfaits with layered yogurt, fruit, warm cranberry sauce, and topped off with our holiday bark from the week before. They were a huge hit and we had kids begging for some more! We capped off a great week with our first ever Pizza and Paint event Friday night. The kids got to hang out, eat some pizza, and learn how to paint some of their favorite things with tips and tricks provided by an art instructor. They had an awesome time and say they can't wait for our next special event.

### VOICES

At their meeting VOICES members assembled care packages of sanitary supplies and toiletries (along with a personalized note to spread some holiday joy) to be donated to LifeMoves, a nonprofit that deals with homelessness. They also volunteered at Santa at the Firehouse for a night of fun. Along with members of our Youth Advisory Committee, VOICES volunteers welcomed guests, ran arts & crafts activities, and even helped as elves at the Santa photobooth. It has been a great year for VOICES and the group is excited to bring a new round of projects to 2020.



### MEETING NOTICE



#### BIKE PUMP TRACK DISCUSSION

Belmont Parks & Recreation invites you to attend a discussion about the preliminary findings from a bike pump track feasibility study.

For more information, call 650-595-7441 or email [bshearer@belmont.gov](mailto:bshearer@belmont.gov)

JANUARY 15, 2020 @ 7:00 PM

TWIN PINES LODGE, 40 TWIN PINES LANE, BELMONT, CA

**WE'RE HIRING FOR SUMMER!**

**LIFEGUARDS**

**SWIM INSTRUCTORS**

**CAMP COUNSELORS**

**AND MUCH MORE!**

- MOST POSITIONS START AT AGE 15!
- NO WEEKEND SHIFTS!
- JOB DESCRIPTIONS, PAY RANGES AND APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ONLINE:

**WWW.CALOPPS.ORG/CITY-OF-BELMONT**

**QUESTIONS: (650) 595-7441**



**CITY OF BELMONT - PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT**  
ENHANCING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE COMMUNITY

**Storm Preparation**

**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% |

### 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



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## El Metate Taqueria

#superburrito #wetburrito #mexicanfood

120 Harbor Blvd, Belmont  
Contact: (650) 595-1110 Mon-Sun: 9 am - 8:45 am



**KEEPING IT BELMONT** RESTAURANT OF THE WEEK  
**#dinebelmont**



post photos with your favorite items  
using #dinebelmont on social media

**ENJOY and follow us NOW** for more restaurants of the week and general information on Belmont restaurants

#dinebelmont and @dinebelmont

