

Belwood Belringer

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Time to Swim

Pool opens Memorial day weekend May 25th. Lifeguards will be on duty 1pm-7pm Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Open weekends only until school is out in June.

Full Lifeguards on duty June 8th until Mid August 7 days a week 1pm-7pm. Key holders can access the pool from 6am to 10pm 7 days a week starting April 17th.

Pool ID tags will be handed out at your first pool visit this summer. Each household will need to sign-in at the pool gate and see a lifeguard for your pool ID. Pool ID should be pinned to your swim bag and be handy if you are asked for proof of membership.



Reminder your guests cost \$3 each to swim and you need to pay cash at the pool cash box at the sign-in table.

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President's message— by Debbie Gary

I have been on the volunteer board for 3 years and 2024 stepped in as president. Lucky for me we have an energetic and talented board that is willing to share their skills with our neighborhood. We can't economically maintain the Belwood Cabana with just 7 board members. So the Board has created committees that you as a non board member are welcome to join. As an example recently we had some help from Jack Millerick (past HOA board President) giving back to our community through his gift of service. Jack did some welding fence repair and also fixed the broken letter C in "Cabana" on our entry wall. *Thank you Jack*



Committees where you can help-

- Swim Pool committee - sets policy for the pool use, lifeguards, swim team
- Facility Committee— Oversee the facility upgrades, enhancements and repairs
- IT & Communications Committee- Belwood website, newsletter and communications with neighbors
- Events Committee— help plan and run the fun events at the Cabana, Bingo, July 4th, Halloween party etc.
- Legal Committee— working on Belwood CC&Rs and the Mirassou Project

Joining a committee is a great way to help promote any changes you would like to see at our neighborhood Cabana. The board meets the 3rd Tuesday each month at 7:30 or email us at HOA@belwoodhomes.org if you can help out.

VP message— by Tim Takeuchi



New Belwood Website is LIVE

If you've spent any time recently on the [Belwood Homes website](#), you have likely noticed our new look. Over the last 6 months we have been planning the launch of our new website that went live in March. Our goals for the new design were simple: make it easier for you to find information, have faster access to content and be ready to bring more services on-line over time.

Our new website sits on a modern, secure platform and is responsive in its design, with specific looks for both desktop and mobile devices. We have maintained all the great information that was contained on our previous website with options to continue enhancing our services through [our blog](#), [fun digital artifacts](#) from around our neighborhood, and updated resources, like our interactive [CC&R maps](#).

In the future, we plan to offer board meeting minutes, on-line reservations for picnic tables, the cabana, bocci ball, pool guest access, swim lessons and dues payments. Many of these value added services will require a user ID/password in order to protect our sensitive information and we will be inviting members to register via email over the next few weeks. If you have questions on the new design or suggestions for what else you want to see offered through this platform, please reach out to it@belwoodhomes.org. We hope you like our progress so far and are excited to see these services in the near future.

Treasurer's message— by Bob Kalpin



Hello Neighbors!

There's been a lot going on here at the cabana, including paving the parking lot, repairing the barbeques, the Belwood Gateway "monument", and revising our governing documents. This is a good time to illustrate how your annual dues are put to use.

Each November you receive our annual financial disclosure packet, which includes the future year's budget and reserve study. The budget is our plan for income as well as spending on things like insurance, maintenance, supplies, and salaries. It includes all the items that we can reasonably predict and which recur on an annual basis. The reserve study details our expectations for future spending on repair and replacement of fixed assets, durable items like roofing, windows, pumps, concrete, and fencing.

Our annual income gets put into two pots. Most goes into our "operating account", which can only be used to pay for items in the annual budget. The remainder is our "reserve account", which is strictly limited to items in the reserve study. It's important that we always have enough to cover both types of expenses. Fortunately, we have been preparing for this year's larger than normal expenses.

Revising our CCRs (Contracts, Covenants, and Restrictions) is quite costly but very necessary given that the legal landscape has changed a lot since they were created some 60 years ago. It involves not only extensive legal consultation but an expensive campaign to get the documents approved by our homeowners. As a budget item, this has necessitated increasing annual dues to be able to cover the cost. The "monument" will also need to be paid for out of the annual budget, since it is not a reserve item. Repaving the parking lot and rebuilding the dilapidated barbeques has been in the planning for a very long time. Fortunately, our reserve fund has been carefully managed to anticipate these eventualities. The good news is that we are well prepared for this year and the future, and it should be many years before we are required to make such sizable capital outlays.

Cheers, Bob Kalpin



Mark your calendars for the Belwood July 4th party at the Cabana. Details will go out via email end of June.

VP message— by Tim Takeuchi

Parking Lot Project

In 1999, everyone was talking about Y2K. It was also the last time we resurfaced our cabana parking lot. 25 years and lots of use later, we made the decision to again resurface the parking lot at the cabana. It was an exciting couple of days on April 7~8 as heavy equipment rolled through the parking lot. Several hundred tons of old asphalt were removed and the lot was graded to ensure proper runoff with a fresh layer of new asphalt laid in its place. This will be one of our largest repairs of the year and we're happy to have the work done prior to our busy season of spring and summer.



We made some changes to the new parking lot this year too. For starters, we updated our handicapped areas to include proper signage for both stalls as well as a path of travel from the street to the cabana gate. This was a high priority for our board and are happy to bring our parking lot up to code with these improvements. We also replaced 16 parking blocks as they were cracked and unusable.



Perhaps the biggest change we made was to reverse the direction of the flow of traffic. This was made for several reasons:

convenience - homeowners who exit the parking lot may now turn left or right to return back to their homes.

safety - performing a u-turn on Blossom Hill is dangerous during high traffic times and driving out the wrong way of the parking lot or down the wrong side of the street violates local laws.

capacity - by reversing the flow of the parking lot and using every edge of the lot, we were able to maintain the same number of parking spaces (48) and include a path of travel from the curb to the street.

Accessing the parking lot when traveling in from Blossom will require a u-turn however, this will be done at a 3-way stop sign which is safer for all drivers. We're aware that we will have more congestion during peak traffic from swim meets however this is the right thing to do for the community and we're excited to see how you like it.



Secretary message– by Daniel Saban

Greetings and Salutations Belwood Members:

Did you know that the Belwood neighborhood was developed in the 1960's, and our CC&R's have not been amended or updated (also known as restated) since then. CC&Rs (or Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions) are used to maintain property values and to protect the rights and interests of homeowners. It is a recorded legal document that describes property rights and obligations of the membership, such as restrictions on the use of property, member assessments (dues), enforcement powers, dispute resolution, etc.

A lot has changed since the 1960's, especially the laws governing HOAs, and legal experts recommend updating CC&Rs every 5 to 10 years. For some unknown reason, rather than referencing the original CC&Rs, each time a new part of the Belwood neighborhood was developed, they recorded a new set of CC&Rs. So Belwood has 7 sets of CC&Rs (all of which are substantially similar) and can be found here:

<https://belwoodhomes.org/ccrs>

Your Board has begun the process of amending all 7 sets of CC&Rs, including the associated By-laws, for the Belwood neighborhood. We have budgeted for this long and expensive process and have hired legal counsel. Some of the reasons we are amending our CC&Rs is to have 100% consistency among the 7 sets of CC&Rs, eliminate obsolete provisions that are no longer enforceable, to be compatible with the current HOA laws (Davis-Stirling), improve ambiguous provisions, provide for changes in technology and to conform to the original purpose of the HOA (establish, operate & maintain a social and recreational community center - the Cabana).

Later this year, we expect to have a vote on the recommended changes to the CC&Rs and By-laws. We will need everyone to return their ballots to ensure the process is done right. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this CC&Rs restatement project, please come to a monthly Board meeting held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Cabana.



Bingo and Movie night June 15th

Come join the fun with a Belwood Bingo night and a family friendly Movie party on June 15th at the cabana. Bring your own lawn chair, and a burrito or pizza and enjoy the evening in Los Gatos' best neighborhood!!

6PM – Music

6:30 – Bingo (Bingo cards are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 family plan)

8PM – Movie is outside so bring a jacket or blanket to snuggle in for the kid friendly movie party

Reminder – we will have popcorn for \$1



Summer Swim Lessons for all ages

Belwood Cabana Club is offering swim lessons this summer. We provide quality classes from skilled, certified instructors. Class sizes are small to ensure all students are given ample attention. Our sessions run Monday-Friday and are scheduled throughout the summer. All lessons are 30 minutes duration 11:30 am , 12:00 pm or 12:30 pm



You do not have to be a Belwood resident for swim lessons, tell your friends. Lets all learn to be pool safe and have some fun!

Dates:

Session 1: June 17- June 28 (2 week Session, M-F) \$250 per 2 week session or \$500 for private

Session 2: July 8-12 (1 week Session M-F) \$125 per 1 week session or \$250 for private

Session 3: July 15 - July 26 (2 Week Session, M-F) \$250 per 2 week session or \$500 for private

Session 4: July 29 - Aug 2 (1 Week Session, M-F) \$125 per 1 week session or \$250 for private

Note All 2 weeks sessions, if you cannot make one of the two weeks, we can try to accommodate your child in another session if space is available

New class this year for toddlers Mommy and me

Mommy and me (Level 1) This class is a Parent and toddler (9 months - 3 years old). An adult must be in the water with your baby/toddler. Tuesday @ 11:15 Toddler session July 9, 16, 23, 30 (4 classes \$60) drop in allowed for \$20 per session.

Basic swim skills classes: full descriptions on website <http://www.belwoodhomes.org/lessons.html>

How to Apply: Fill out the form from website <http://www.belwoodhomes.org/lessons.html>

Please scan completed form and email it to us at swimlessons@belwoodhomes to reserve your spot. Payment via check due at time of session.

If you have any other questions please email us at swimlessons@belwoodhomes.org

Meet Zach Petrovich our new Head Lifeguard/Pool Manager

I'm a senior at Archbishop Mitty High school and grew up around Belwood and have been swimming for Belwood since I was 9 years old. This year, I will be managing the pool as well as lifeguarding before I go off to college as a Kinesiology major at Oregon State. I will be your main contact to sign up and schedule your kids swim lesson.

See you at the pool—Zach swimlessons@belwoodhomes.org



Belwood News and Events

Pet Safety Notice Don't use Poison to get rid of Rodents.

It has been confirmed by a local pest control company that someone in the Belwood area is using rat poison to kill rats/mice. Dead poisoned mice and rats have been found in yards in the neighborhood. The use of rat poison is extremely dangerous to all pets and even fatal to pets who might try to eat the poisoned rodents. Cats and small dogs can die and large dogs can become dangerously ill. Please refrain from using poison for rodent pest control and instead use traps. If you have pets, consider checking your backyard for any dead rats or mice.

Tom Sandoval

Ladies Water Fitness Class

This low impact water fitness class provides a cardiovascular workout. It strengthens and conditions your body without stress to muscles and joints. It is a great way to add variety and fun to your workout.

You must know how to swim to attend this class, as most of the class is in deep water.

2 Sessions

June 13th – July 25th Thursday 11:45am -12:45pm (6 classes) \$90

(NO Class July 4th)

August 8th – September 26th Thursday 11:45am -12:45pm (8 classes) for \$120

Drop in fee is \$20 cash - space permitting.

To register for the session, or drop in, **RSVP is required prior to attending the class.**

Email cindyadampilates@gmail.com Text or Call 408-655-5696



Adult Morning Lap Swimming

We have started an adult lap swim **every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 6:00am to 7:00am Starting April 30th.**

We have a crew of early risers that have been getting a good workout completed before most people are out of bed. There is plenty of room in the pool for all swimmers of all abilities. The pool is heated and in great condition for lap swimming. Remember solo swimming isn't allowed-you must have a swim buddy to use the pool when no lifeguard is on duty. I plan on providing an adaptive swim workout which should accommodate all swim levels, or you may choose to complete your own workout.



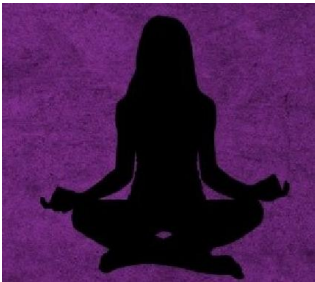
Note: All adult members/families who have completed and returned the BELWOOD HOMES ASSOCIATION FACILITY KEY REQUEST FORM (with \$100 fee) are welcome to join. Key request form can be located on www.belwoodhomes.org

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone via text.

Richard Renati (408) 690-8568

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Yoga Class Free for Belwood



Weekly yoga classes Monday's at 6pm in our cabana clubhouse. Led by Belwood residents Elif and Liz, this yoga class is offered free of charge to all Class A homeowners and Class D members who have paid HOA dues this year. No sign up is needed, just show up!

Please bring a yoga mat, blanket and any accessories you may need for your practice (eg blocks, straps) .

About the class: 50 minutes Slow Flow. Graceful flow of poses combined with breathwork to deliver challenging core work for beginners and intermediate students to build strength and to bring mindfulness.

About the Instructor: Elif Albuz, completed her yoga teacher training in Yoga Source Los Gatos, under the guidance of Linda McGrath, Angela Majic and working towards completing 500hr training. She enjoys teaching friends and family, and is hoping to bring people closer spreading friendship, mindfulness and clarity.

CERT (Community Emergency Resource Team) Event Saturday

In preparation of an emergency our local CERT team is having an emergency drill at the Belwood Pool and **volunteers are needed on Saturday, April 20th AM 10:00 AM for one hour.** We need volunteers to join us at the pool or via your walky-talky from your home. Drop in and out's are welcome. Girl/Boy Scouts and students may get volunteer credit for attending. You can help by being one of the victims no experience necessary.



Did you know Belwood has a CERT (Community Emergency Resource Team)? **We are looking for more members to join the team.**

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program is a nationally supported, locally implemented initiative that teaches people how to better prepare themselves for hazards that may affect their communities. Local CERT programs train and organize teams of volunteers to assist their families, neighbors, and other community members during emergencies when professional responders may not be immediately available to provide assistance. CERT offers various opportunities with you in mind.

Before, during, and after disasters, CERT volunteer teams perform basic response activities, including checking on neighbors, distributing information, supporting emergency operations centers, and helping to manage traffic and crowds. After the last storm the Belwood team drove the neighborhood checking for downed trees to report to the city via HAM radio and a GMRS/Walkie-Talkie radio. Our CERT group practices over the air communication regularly. Belwood CERT has an emergency shed at the Belwood pool facility to act as our communications hub in case of emergency.

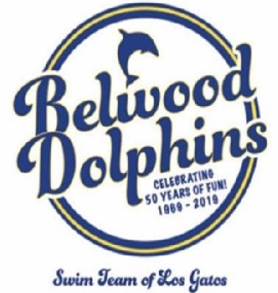
Please contact me if you need more info or to RSVP for the event on Saturday

Klaus Schumann k.schumann@comcast.net KK6EBL

Belwood Swim Team News

The Belwood Swim Team is getting ready to kick off the 2024 Summer Swim season as the back-to-back defending champions of the Valley Cabana Swim League! We have had tremendous interest this season from families within the Belwood neighborhood and beyond, all looking to join in the summer fun down at the cabana.

Practice for new swimmers who have not participated in a Summer Swim season with Belwood will take place the week of April 22-25, and regular practice for all swimmers begins April 29th. The team will hold afternoon practices during the week through June 6th, and will switch to morning practices from June 11th through July 12th. See our website belwooddolphins.com for age groups and practice times.



Below is the meet schedule for this year:

5/24 Time Trials @ Belwood (Friday)

6/1 Away Meet @ Los Paseos

6/8 Home Meet vs. Silver Creek

6/15 Away Meet @ Oaktree

6/22 Home Meet vs Almaden Country Club

6/29 Away Meet @ Montevideo (Hosted at Belwood)

7/6 No Meet - BYE WEEK

7/13 Champs Meet @ Morgan Hill Swim Center



We also have a number of planned Spirit Events for swimmers and their families. Some of the events we are excited to take part in this season include: Adult Socials, Spirit Party (Hawaiian Night), game night, Belwood Bake-off and Talent Show, and much more!

Thanks to the Belwood HOA Board and community for your continued support of the swim team. If you missed signups for this year, you can still come to our meets and cheer for the Dolphins. You will get to see the team in action and hopefully get inspired to register for our fall swim program or next year's summer team. We'll see you down at the cabana and remember, the team that has the most fun will always be #1 - Go Belwood!

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to us via email:

Darrin Shimizu - darrin.shimizu@gmail.com or Devon Toda - devontoda@gmail.com

Community Bulletin Board

Sophia's Dog Walking

I provide exceptional pet care to all of my "fur-clients" and treat them as if they were my own. To put pet parents at ease when on vacation, I love to send photos, videos, and frequent updates while I care for their animals. As an extra level of protection, I am also fully insured because I want to make sure your pets are covered in every way! Services: Feeding meals, Potty breaks, Overnights stays, Pet taxi, Playtime, Litter box cleaning, Daily walks.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. I look forward to working with you and your pets! Sophia Smith License # 19113679

<https://www.petsitllc.com/provider/1Q9DWCGN1N/los-gatos-ca/sophias-dog-walking>



Community Bulletin Board

If you would like submit an article send the info to the Editor Debbie Gary hoa@belwoodhomes.org

Santa Clara Valley Mineral /Gem Society

We are a group of Rock, Mineral and Jewelry enthusiasts that meet on the fourth Tues of each month at 100 Belwood Gateway (The Cabana Club), Los Gatos, CA

Field Trips—We sponsor frequent field trips and tours for mineral, rock and fossil collection. We participate in the North Bay Field Trip cooperative. Field trip listings are published monthly in our bulletin.

Further information and maps are available at our monthly general meeting.

Study Groups- are formed as member interest dictates. We have had study groups in faceting, beading, carving as well as in mineral identification and lapidary. New groups form as needed.

We have an extensive library of books and video tapes covering most facets of the hobby and earth sciences is available to our members.

Guests are always welcome at our meetings, study groups and field trips.

Please call Kathy McChristian (Junior Program) 408-258-8400 or Frank Mullaney 408-266-1791



Local Boy Scout Troop 339

Troop 339 has a long history of providing fun and challenging scouting experiences for teenage boys. We welcome any interested boy of Scout age, starting in 6th grade until 18 years old. Scouts meet weekly for a meeting/planning session and usually have one camping experience each month.



A Scout spending a year or more in our Troop will experience hiking, camping, backpacking, navigation, cooking, first aid, rope work, knots, climbing, rappelling, snow sports, kayaking, caving, bicycling, boating, swimming, and more.

The skills we are teaching are not only used for outdoor challenges, but can also be applied at home, school, and work. There is a confidence that comes from knowing what to do, and from having done it before, that allows the Scout to emerge as a leader in many situations. The way we build this confidence is through challenge. Our outings stretch the youth's experience to, and often beyond, what they thought they could do.

For more information visit the website for the troop. <https://www.pclg.org/339-2/>

Charter Organization: Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos 16575 Shannon Road Los Gatos, CA 95032

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