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JOY, CULTURE, & COMMUNITY: Belle Haven's 5th Annual Juneteenth!



Photo by Angie Bautista

Community members are selecting their fresh produce.

Joy, Culture, and Community: Belle Haven's 5th Annual Juneteenth Celebration!

On Friday, June 19th, the Belle Haven Community Campus was buzzing with incredible energy, music, and laughter! Belle Haven Action (BHA) was incredibly proud to partner up and host the city's 5th Annual Juneteenth Celebration. From 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, 100 Terminal Street in Menlo Park transformed into a vibrant hub of community connection.

Remembering Our History

Juneteenth holds a deeply special place in our hearts. Signed

into law as a federal holiday by President Joe Biden in 2021, this momentous day recognizes the end of slavery in the United States and gives our country a dedicated time to reflect on history, celebrate freedom, and honor African American culture. The excitement and deep appreciation from the community for having a space to celebrate this history were truly felt all evening long.

A Vibrant Community Gathering

The energy of our neighborhood coming together was truly unforgettable! The campus echoed

with fantastic live entertainment, and the joyful singing and dancing kept everyone moving and connecting. It was also wonderful to see local police officers stop by to join the festivities and celebrate right alongside the community.

Attendees had a blast strolling through the vendor booths, which served as a wonderful showcase for our neighborhood's immense local talent. Some of the crowd-favorite finds included:

- Gorgeous handcrafted bags
- Beautiful handmade jewelry
- Vibrant, hand-painted plant pots

And let's talk about the food!

The culinary spread was the perfect addition to our neighborhood gathering. Between the crisp, fresh salad bar, pastries, and that seriously amazing catfish!

Championing Food Security and Access

A major part of uplifting our community is ensuring everyone has reliable access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food. To help champion food security in Belle Haven, BHA was incredibly proud to partner with Fresh Approach to host a pop-up Farmers Market right at the celebration. Together, we were able to bridge the gap in food access and serve over 90 local families with nutritious produce!

We loved connecting with so many of you and gathering your thoughts through our Farmers Market surveys. Your voices and feedback are vital to shaping future programs that tackle food insecurity and bring the right resources directly to our neighborhood. Because true food equity means making sure no one gets left behind, our dedicated volunteers packed up fresh fruits and vegetables from the market and made special deliveries right to the doorsteps of our neighborhood elders who couldn't attend in person.

Thank you to everyone who came out, danced, shopped, ate, and celebrated with us. We are already looking forward to making next year's Juneteenth celebration even bigger and better! *



Photo by Christina Nelson
BHA team members pose for a quick group shot while advertising fresh carrots at Farmers Market.



Photo by Marlene Santoyo from BHA
Capturing members of the BHA and Fresh Approach teams.

ANCHOR of the VILLAGE: The Quiet Strength of SEAN WATKINS

Every powerful collective needs an anchor—someone whose presence is so steady, so deliberate, and so heavy with reliability that no matter how hard the wind blows, the foundation doesn't budge. For the past six years, the team at BHA has had the privilege of operating with that exact kind of foundational security.

His name is Sean Watkins.

Born and raised in Hayward, California, Sean carries the spirit of a community that understands the value of legacy, connection, and watching out for one another. To look at Sean's life and work is to see a beautiful masterclass in what it truly means to be a modern-day protector of the village. Though he is the youngest—the baby of his family—Sean moves with the wisdom, protective nature, and quiet strength of an elder. He is the loyal brother who doesn't just show up when it's convenient; all his life, Sean has simply been there. For everyone. Always.

The Art of Filling the Gaps

What makes Sean an exceptional force on any team isn't just his hard-working nature; it's his vision. Sean possesses the rare ability to look at a room, a project, or a group of people, instantly see the missing pieces, and step in to fill them without being asked. He takes initiative not for applause, but because he genuinely cares about the collective whole.

He is an active listener in a world that has forgotten how to be quiet. When Sean checks up on you, he isn't just making small talk; he is listening with his heart, anchoring you with his attention, and offering an easy-going sanctuary where people feel completely seen and supported.

But Sean's care isn't just emotional—it's tangible. Anyone who knows him knows



Photo by Cecilia Taylor
Sean points to Belle Haven Community Campus map and sign for visitors.



Photo by Inez Watkins
Sean poses with wrestling revolution pro wrestlers.

that one of his greatest expressions of love and team solidarity comes straight from the kitchen. When Sean cooks for the team, he isn't just preparing a meal; he is breaking bread, cultivating joy, and nourishing the spirits of the people who grind alongside him.

A Soul of Balance: From the Squared Circle to the Twitch Stream

Sean is a beautiful reminder that true strength doesn't have to be loud or rigid. He balances his intense work ethic and protective nature with a vibrant, social sense of humor and a deep love for the things that bring people together.

Whether he's channeling the larger-than-life energy and unyielding resilience of his favorite WWE superstars, diving into the rich, destiny-driven storytelling of Anime, or building his own community while live-streaming video games on Twitch, Sean knows how to curate good vibes. With an impeccable taste in movies

and games, he is the ultimate teammate to talk to, laugh with, and decompress around. He is nice, incredibly easy-going, and brings a lightness into the room that cuts through the daily stresses of life.

Written in Loyalty and Love

To be reliable for six months is notable. To be reliable for six years at BHA—and for an entire lifetime as a brother, friend, and teammate—is divine.

Sean Watkins is the anchor holding the team down, ensuring that no one capsizes, no one feels isolated, and no one walks alone. He is the definition of a good person, a strong man, and a beautiful soul who reminds us all that the greatest gift you can give your village is simply being a person whom others can depend on.

Sean, thank you for your initiative, your loyalty, your listening ear, and the flavor you bring to the team. You are loved, you are appreciated, and you keep us all anchored! *

COME AND JOIN US AT OUR

BLOCK PARTY!

4:00 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 14th
Hollyburne Ave
Menlo Park



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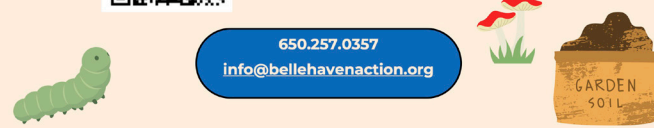
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All concerts begin at 6 p.m. Admission is free. Mark your calendar and arrive early to secure a great spot and settle in for an unforgettable evening of music.

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