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President's Message

As I mentioned in my last message, this year's focus for the board's attention is getting the new bylaws approved. As a reminder, our goal is to modernize our bylaws, to streamline our operations and, most importantly, to better comply with new laws that were enacted since the last time we revised the bylaws. By the time you see this message, you will have either received or will receive a ballot asking your approval for the new bylaws. Please take a few minutes and review the new bylaws and cast your vote. If you have any questions about the changes made to the bylaws or the rationale behind the changes, please reach out to me or one of the other directors, or better yet, come the June meeting. We will do our best to explain the changes and how they will benefit our community.

Going into the summer season, remember we will be hosting a number of activities at the club including, the Fourth of July party, several movie nights, swim lessons and the Belwood Dolphins' swim meets. Now is the time to come down to the cabana and see all the new improvements and additions we made it in past year. Be sure the check out the bocce ball court and get to know some of your neighbors over a game.

One more time, I want to encourage everyone to join us in our efforts to increase the enjoyment of the cabana facility and events by our members and to continue adding value to our community. Remember, you do not have to be on the board to contribute. We are currently seeking an events director or anyone with good ideas and some time to help make things happen. We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month and we welcome you to drop in anytime.

- Mitch Cipriano, President

Treasurer Report

As we are into summer, I'll keep the treasure's report short and sweet! Only three topics for this month, so you can quickly get on with your fun.

Financial Update

As of this writing, our latest financial data covers through April. We have about \$159K in reserve funding, and about \$120K in checking. In other words, a healthy balance sheet! Income is up 7% year over year, primarily because of the dues increase. Expenses are up 9% year over year, the two main drivers being legal expenses for the revised bylaws (expected), and much higher utility bills (unexpected). We still have three members who have not paid their annual dues. Remember, by not paying your annual dues you raise the costs to your neighbors in the association, and risk collection activity.

The board remains committed to responsibly spending (and saving) your dues and maintaining our collective investment in the cabana facility.

Bylaws

By now, you should have received your Bylaws voting package. Please, please, please, fill out your ballot and send it in. Do it now before you forget. We even paid for the stamp! You'll probably notice we have a dedicated web page:

<http://www.belwoodhomes.org/Belwood/ByLaws.html>

If you have any questions or need any information about it please visit it and if you don't see the answer to your question contact us and we'll get you your answer. The board has invested a lot of time, energy and expense into this and we need your participation to complete the project.

Can others join our club?

Before I sign off, one of the popular questions I receive is whether someone outside Belwood can join the association. The short answer is no. Why not you may ask? We have a few classes of membership, Class A (279 homes who MUST belong) and Class D (a category of homes adjacent to Belwood who are able to join on an annual basis). Those are defined in our bylaws and available on our website. While it's great that people want to join our club, if we were to open it up to anyone we would become a public corporation (we are private now) which would change our tax status, lead to increased government regulation, and make life much more expensive and complicated.

Oh, by the way, remember to mail your ballot in for the bylaws election. That's all folks!

- **Dave Klenske, Treasurer**

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Secretary Report

Special Election to Approve New By-Laws

By now, all HOA Class A members will have received in the mail their ballots for the special election to approve proposed new HOA By-Laws. All residents are encouraged to vote. Because this mailing includes a copy of the proposed by-laws, the envelope is much larger than that used for the annual election of directors. To make it clear that the envelope contains a ballot, it is stamped in red in the lower left corner, "Ballot Enclosed. Thanks for Voting!" Ballots will be counted at the July 18 HOA Board Meeting.

The Davis-Stirling Act, the California law governing HOA's, has very specific requirements for the casting and counting of ballots. The details of what you must do to make sure your ballot is counted are included with the ballot mailing. Please understand that the 'interesting' steps you must follow—e.g., the placing of your marked ballot inside an unmarked secret envelope, which must then be placed inside of the pre-addressed return envelope, which must then be signed in the upper left-hand corner below its return address label—are not requirements of the HOA itself. They are part of Davis-Stirling, which we (and you) are legally required to follow.

We have taken specific steps to make the voting process as easy as possible for you:

1. The ballot is a simple yes/no proposition.
It only takes one "X" to complete a ballot.
2. The return envelope includes a red marking, indicating where to sign it.

This marking is new. In past elections, many return envelopes have been received without the required signature, and, consequently, the enclosed ballots could not be counted.

When you've completed your ballot, simply seal it in the provided small, unmarked secret envelope, seal the secret envelope inside the return envelope, and sign the front of the return envelope where indicated.

3. The return envelope already has the required postage on it.

When you've sealed and signed the return envelope, simply drop it in the mail.

I can attest first-hand that it takes significant cost and energy to conduct these vote-by-mail elections. We're counting on you to do your part and vote!

Thank you,

- Tom Martin, HOA Board Secretary



SWIM TEAM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1. June 3rd - 7:00a-1:00p - Time Trials
2. June 10th 7:00a - 1:00p - OakTree Sharks @. Bellwood Dolphins
3. June 17th 7:00a - 1:00p - Los Paseos Penguins @ Belwood Dolphins
4. June 24th - 6:00p-10:00p - Adult Fundraiser Card & Bocce Night - OPEN TO ALL HOA Members and Friends
5. July 8th - 7:00a - 1:00p Montevideo Piranhas @ Belwood Dolphins
6. July 24th - 4:00p-10:00p - Dolphins Award Banquet

- **Lisa Goldberg, HOA Board Member**

2017 Pool Schedule

The pool is expected to be open for key holders on April 22 through October 1. Lifeguards will be on duty weekends only from 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm beginning Saturday of Memorial weekend. Lifeguards will be on duty daily from 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm beginning June 12th.

- **Gina Wagner, Facilities Manager**

Swim Lessons 2017

Are you interested in getting your children enrolled in swim lessons? If so the Belwood Cabana Club is the perfect place to do it. All the instructors are trained, certified, and knowledgeable swimmers, and are excited to teach kids about the fun and safety of swimming. There are 8 sessions of lessons throughout the summer and each one is a week long:

Session 1: June 19 – 23

Session 2: June 26 – June 30

Session 3: July 10 — 14

Session 4: July 17 – 21

Session 5: July 24 – 28

Session 6: July 31 – Aug 4

Session 7: Aug 7 – Aug 11

Session 8: Aug 14 — Aug 18

For every session there are 3 possible times:

11:00, 11:30, and 12:00

Class sizes are small to ensure that your children get the most out of these lessons.

If you are interested in summer swim lessons at Belwood, please visit our website!

<http://www.belwoodhomes.org/Belwood/Lessons.html>

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact <mailto:swimlessons@belwoodhomes.org>

Belwood Events

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Belwood neighborhood events!

4th of July celebration

Belwood children will kick off annual 4th of July celebration with a short parade between Mulberry School and the cabana. The kids should decorate their bikes, scooters or wagons to start the fun!



The Party starts on **Tuesday, July 4** at the Cabana at 1 PM. Bring your Pop-up, snacks, and sunscreen for a fun day of games and events for all. We'll have our Snow Cones, Cotton Candy and Popcorn, and the coals will be fired up on the grills so you can BBQ your food. We'll also have things such as a Jumpy House, Water Balloon toss, and Pie Eating contest. Be sure to cheer on the Belly Flop contest, a favorite for years. And as always, we'll have music to pump up the volume!

Parade

12:30 PM – Meet at Mulberry School parking lot (220 Belgatos Rd)

12:45 PM – Begin parade

1:00 PM – End at Belwood cabana parking lot (100 Belwood Gateway)

Party at the Cabana

1 PM- 5 PM

Lots of fun activities for the kids

The party is open to Belwood residents and their invited guests only.

Bingo and Movie nights



Again this summer there will be Bingo and Movie nights at the Cabana. For details about the event, please check <http://www.belwoodhomes.org/Belwood/Bingo.html>

Halloween Party

This year's Halloween Party will be on Sunday, October 29th. at the Cabana Club. Volunteers are needed. Please contact the Board of you can help. hoa@belwoodhomes.org



If you have any interest in volunteering for one of these events or have any comments/suggestions, please email the board at hoa@belwoodhomes.org.

Community Board

Monthly Events

Belwood Homeowners Board Meeting

Open to all Belwood members - Cabana Club - 7:30 pm, third Tuesday of the month unless a **change** is posted on the bulletin board.

Santa Clara Valley Mineral /Gem Society:

Fourth Tuesday of the month.
Please call Kathy McChristian (Junior Program) 408.258.8400 or Frank Mullaney 408.266.1791

Cabana Club Schedule

Gina Wagner: 408.358.2229

Y Adventure Guides

For dads and boys in K-5. Meets at the Cabana the Third Thursday of each month at 7 PM.
Contact is Matt Quadro at 408.398.4522

Community Ads

DJ Cameron

Want more than just Pandora streaming into your Bluetooth speakers? Contact DJ Cam for your next event - birthdays, house parties, anniversaries, graduations, etc. Text or Call 408.348.8296 for more info.

Gutters, Roof, Plumbing, Tree Trimming

You name it! I have a list of workmen who can help you. Call Gail Bordi, 408.356.4624 or email gailbordi@yahoo.com

Guest Speaker

Betty Auchard is an author and speaker. She lives in the Belwood neighborhood and is available as a guest speaker. You can email her at btauchard@aol.com or check out her website or current blog: <http://bettyauchard.com/>.

Middle School/High School Math Tutor

California Mathematics Single-Subject Teaching Credential
Belwood Resident since 1984
Tom Martin: 408.656.4017

Rentals

BEACH HOUSE:

Aptos Beach House, spacious 3BR/2 bath, short walk to Rio Del Mar/Seacliff Beach. Available year-round for monthly, weekly, mid-week, weekend rental. Call Sheryl at 408.348.3237.

OAHU LUXURY TOWNHOME:

Fabulous, luxuriously furnished Oahu townhome for rent. 3 BR, 3 BA + den, 1700+ square feet, 5 min walk to beach in the luxurious Coconut Plantation in Ko Olina. Perfect for families. See our website for pictures, details and contact info: <http://www.koolinahome.com>.

TAHOE DONNER RENTAL

Beautiful, spacious home in Tahoe Donner available for rent: 3 bedrooms, 2 bath & large loft (sleeps 6-11). The home is also available for ski lease. Corner lot amongst pine trees, green belt behind & 700+ sq ft decking. Amenities: premiere golf course, fitness club/pools, tennis courts & more. Info & pictures go to: VRBO.com # 323668 , or call Sue Ahmadian at 408.356.5276.

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE RENTAL

Beautiful home for rent: 2 BR + Den, 2 BA, 1600 sq ft, sleeps 6. Large open concept living/dining room, fabulous views, spa tub, fireplace, wifi, close to lake, heavenly, casinos. Pets considered. For details go to: <http://www.vrbo.com/451904>.

Editor's Note

The purpose of a newsletter is to inform the Belwood neighborhood about board news, community events, offer free advice, and advertise skills and rental postings. **Article submissions**

for the Belringer from the community are very much encouraged.
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Y Adventure Guides



Redwood Circle, 2017-18

The Redwood Circle Invites you to join the Y Adventure Guides

Year-round fun for K-5th grade boys and their dads can be yours. Some recent activities included beach camping, rock climbing, laser tag, Los Gatos Holiday Parade, Pinewood Derby, sleepover on an aircraft carrier and summer BBQ's.



What is YMCA Adventure Guides?

The YMCA Adventure Guides program is designed to assist you and your son on your journey of discovery.

While activities with the whole family are important, we see tremendous value in supporting and strengthening the ability of a father and son to communicate at an early age in ways that are caring, honest, respectful, and responsible. We seek to encourage you as a parent to "get to know your kid while your kid is still a kid."

YMCA Adventure Guides is designed for dads and sons to participate together for most activities. As part of the Redwood Circle, you participate in activities to explore family values, nature, friendships, and fun!

Who Can Participate?

YMCA Adventure Guides is for fathers (or other significant male adults in the children's lives) and their sons ages five through eleven. An adult and

child must attend program activities together as a pair. In the YMCA Adventure Guides, the father is the Guide, and the child is the Explorer.

Come and Join Us!

We meet at the Belwood Cabana Club the **Third Thursday** of each month at 7 PM between September and May.



Location:

Belwood Cabana
100 Belwood Gateway
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