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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The club is ready for what promises to be a very active and fun Summer season!

The pool is heated, and the lifeguards are on duty.

The pool is now open weekends, expanding to the full week schedule beginning Monday, June 10. Those who purchased access keys may now use the pool seven days a week between 6:00a and 10:00p. Make sure to familiarize yourself with the rules for key use.

Remember to check the online calendar for Summer activities and facilities rental availability.

The calendar is continually updated to include the latest Bingo/Movie nights, parties, and other activities. It also includes facilities rentals. To rent the facility for a private event, first check availability using the calendar (<http://www.belwoodhomes.org/calendar.html>). Send your rental requests to cabana@belwoodhomes.org.

The Swim Team is prepared for a great season.

Director Lisa Goldberg, swim team co-President, has a full slate of 150 swimmers ready to do Belwood proud. The online calendar includes the dates of home swim meets. Come on down to the pool and cheer on your Belwood Dolphins.

Looking to the Fall

Your Board needs a volunteer to organize the Halloween Party. If you are interested, please contact Director Renati at richardrenati@yahoo.com.

Enjoy your Summer!

- Tom Martin, President, Belwood Homes Association

TREASURER'S REPORT

Finances

As of the end of April, we have about \$221K in reserves and \$132K in operating funds. Seven homeowners still have not paid their dues, but fortunately the last few years everyone has paid by December and we have not needed to initiate collections proceedings. If you have not yet paid and have a personal financial issue preventing it, please contact myself or another board member and we can work with you!

Cabana Work

We are currently looking into a project which will replace all of the irrigation at the cabana. Our system is very old and undocumented, so it is very expensive to maintain. This project would likely start in the fall, and be covered by reserve funds.

HOA Policies

The board has also been developing and documenting longstanding policies and procedures which helps us and future boards manage in a consistent manner. While it seems like a boring and mundane task, it's important from a legal perspective to ensure we have them. Also, we now have 106 homeowners which have provided electronic consent for certain HOA mailings. That will save us all money for routine HOA communications.

Summer

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the many summer activities (swim team, movie nights, 4th of July Party, etc.) that are scheduled over the summer. And if you ever have a question on anything, feel free to stop by any board meeting or email the board directly at hoa@belwoodhomes.org.

- Dave Klenske, Treasurer, Belwood Homes Association

SUMMER EVENTS

4th Of July Party 2019



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 is on Thursday, July 4 at the Cabana from 1 PM – 5 PM. Bring your Pop-up, snacks, and sunscreen for a fun day of games and events for all. We'll have 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, there will be 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)

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

Bingo and Movie Night



Bingo and a movie will be back for the summer! Bring the whole gang down to the Cabana...you can picnic, play a little bingo, eat some popcorn, win some prizes, catch a flick, and enjoy the weather with your neighbors. Check the HOA calendar (<http://www.belwoodhomes.org/bingo.html>) or the banner at the cabana for dates and get ready for some lively bingo with Belwood's own Bingo Rich. Bingo usually starts around 6:30 PM, the movie starts at sunset.

Be sure to bring some eats, some drinks, sleeping bags for the kids and blankets for the ground. We'll be selling popcorn and cotton candy. Donations are always appreciated!

POOL

Swim Lessons

Would you like your kids to be water safe and learn a fun new skill? 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.

Dates:

Session 1: June 17 – 28

Session 2: July 1 - 12 (no class on 4th)

Session 3: July 15 – 26

Session 4: July 29 - Aug 9

Times:

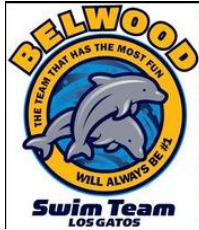
11:00 am, 11:30 am, 12:00 pm

All lessons are 30 minutes duration. More information can be found at <http://www.belwoodhomes.org/lessons.html>.

Ladies Water Fitness Class

Belwood Ladies Water Fitness Class begins Tuesday June 4th and runs through Tuesday August 27th. Class is held every Tuesday evening at 7:00pm. There are 12 classes in this session (there is no class July 2nd). The cost is \$144.00 for the session. There is no pro-rating. Drop in fee is \$20 per class. We need at least 10 people enrolled to hold this class, so please sign up soon! Tell you friends about it! Remember that you must know how to swim! There are no lifeguards on duty! To register, please contact Cindy Adams at cindyadamspilates@gmail.com, call/text 408-655-5696 or visit <https://sites.google.com/site/cindyspilatestraining/about-water-fitness>.

SWIM TEAM



BELWOOD DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM



Swim Team has officially kicked off. We have 150 swimmers on our roster which is just about finalized. There have been no issues with the pool. First meet is our time trials to be held on Friday afternoon 5/31. Spirit night on Sat 6/1. Go Dolphins :)

Currently we have:

- 55 Class A Swimmers
- 12 Class D
- 83 Attached

The 2019 swim meet schedule at our Belwood Cabana pool is:

- Friday afternoon, May 31st Time trials
- Saturday morning, June 8 away vs Silver Creek Sharks @ [Silver Creek](#)
- Saturday morning, June 15th vs Los Paseos Penguins
- Saturday morning, June 22 vs Oak Tree Sharks
- Saturday morning, June 29 vs Montevideo Piranhas
- Saturday morning, July 13 vs Almaden Gators
- VCSL Champs Meet, July 20 @ [Morgan Hill Aquatic Center](#)

Belwood HOA members are encouraged to come down and cheer on the local Belwood Swim Team.

The Dolphins Turn 50



We're celebrating the Belwood Swim Team's 50th Anniversary this year! If you were ever a swimmer, VAC, coach, a family member of a swimmer, etc. we'd love to see you!

Please RSVP at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0948aba62fa3fb6-belwood1> and sign up to bring something to our potluck. We'll have hot coals on the BBQ if you want to bring meat to grill.

Lawn chairs, folding tables, picnic blankets and/or pop up tents for shade are recommended. If you have any lawn games to share, bring those too!

We will be creating a scrapbook of the last 50 years of the Belwood Swim Team, so please bring a copy of a photo (4x6 or smaller) of your swimmers to be included in the book which will be kept in the swim team's archives. (Photos will not be returned.)

If you would like to be included in the slideshow, please email a photo to of your swimmer(s) or family enjoying a Belwood Swim Team event to belwoodspirit@gmail.com. Due by Saturday, June 15, but the earlier they are submitted the better!

If you are interested in swimming in an alumni relay, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Belwood gear will be for sale. Please bring cash or check (we don't accept credit cards) if you would like to buy a hat, shirt, sweatshirt, etc.

Please direct questions to BelwoodSpirit@gmail.com.

Date: Saturday June 22, 2019

Time: 5:00pm - 8:00am PDT

Location: Belwood Cabana, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Recipe for the Grill

Foil Pack Chocolate Marshmallow Banana

by [DANIEL SEIDMAN](#) at [Delish.com](#)



INGREDIENTS

1 banana

1 handful chocolate chips

1 handful mini marshmallows

DIRECTIONS

Tear a square piece of foil that is about 12x12 inches. Place peeled banana on foil and slice it lengthwise about 3/4 of the way through. Spread it apart and fill with marshmallows and chocolate chips. Tightly wrap banana in foil.

When ready to cook, place wrapped banana on hot grill or over fire for about 5 minutes. Remove from grill, unwrap, and enjoy.

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.

[Cabana Club Schedule](#)

Gina Wagner: 408-358-2229

[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

[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

[Belwood Community Forum on Facebook](#)

The Facebook page “Belwood Area Residents” is a closed user group, i.e. a forum where you can interact with other members of our community. If you are not already a member of the group, we encourage you to go to [Log into Facebook](#) and click on 'Join Request'. As soon as you are approved you can create postings to the group. Turn on notifications so you know when there is a new posting.

We hope to see lot of activity in the group, but don't forget to join the group. If you have any comments or questions, you can send them to bentjensen@yahoo.com.

Community Ads

Music Lessons

Looking for a music teacher for your children or yourself? GREAT teacher just moved near your home. Claudia just moved to Belwood, she holds a Master in Music from the Geneva Conservatory of Music. She has more than 20 years of experience teaching piano, recorder, ear training and theory to children and adults.

She also trains with great success students wanting to take the London Royal Academy ABRSM Music test.

For more information at www.claudiagantivar.com or email cgantivar@yahoo.com.

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: 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: www.koolinahome.com

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

Car!

June- it's summer! The rains are *finally* over. It's a month of transition, from school to summer vacation, swim meets, and playing outside. There will be end of year parties at the cabana club over the next couple weeks, and an increased number of kids heading to and from swim practice and lessons. Please, as you drive through the neighborhood and make plans to visit the cabana, remember the increase in foot and bicycle traffic on our winding lanes with no sidewalks. And now would be a good time to remind your kiddos to obey the traffic laws and act safely!

Volunteer

We encourage all who would like to volunteer for any event during 2019, to contact hoa@belwoodhomes.org

Feedback

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform the Belwood neighborhood about board news, community events, offer free advice, and advertise skills and rental postings. If you would like to see something in a future Belringer, please send relevant information to the Editorial Board at hoa@belwoodhomes.org