

# Belwood Belringer

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The Pool's final weekend with lifeguards is Labor Day weekend.

Starting Tuesday Sept. 5th the pool is only open for key holders until the pool closes for the season Oct. 1

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## ***Secretary's message – by Daniel Saban***

Greetings & Salutations Belwood Homeowners,

The new year is just around the corner which means it is time again for elections. Just as in the past, there are seven (7) open vacancies for the 2024 Board of Directors pursuant to the By-laws. In addition, there will still be the same four (4) officers elected by the Board at the first meeting in January: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The slate of candidates for your 2024 Board of Directors will be set at the Board's meeting on 9/19/2023.

**If you are interested in serving on the Board, you must declare your candidacy by 9/15/2023.** Declaring candidacy is easy. Simply click on this [link](#), fill out the Belwood BOD Candidate Application, and return it to [hoa@belwoodhomes.org](mailto:hoa@belwoodhomes.org) before the deadline. To be eligible to serve on the Board, you must be a Class A member in good standing (i.e., no unpaid dues). Multiple owners of one property are eligible to hold only one Board seat, and owners of multiple properties are likewise eligible to hold only one Board seat. If there is a contested election, ballots will be sent out by mail and counted at the Board meeting on 11/21/2023.

If you have any questions about serving on the Board, please contact a current Board member so we can fill you in on what to expect. Serving on the Board is a rewarding process that provides a tangible impact on our Belwood community.

Daniel Saban, Secretary, Belwood Homes' Association

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## ***Treasurer's message– by Bob Kalpin***

Happy end of summer! I hope you were able to enjoy the pool and meet your neighbors.

I am happy to report that the state of our HOA is strong. This summer we continued to see more interest and use of our facility, as evidenced by increased numbers of after-hours keys, more swim lessons, and a full swim team roster.

Our income and expenses in 2023 have been quite close to the budget predictions made this time last year. The board has been working to prepare next year's budget and reserve study, both of which will be included in the annual disclosure statement sent to all members in October. As of press time for this issue, we are still reviewing options for a

professional HOA management company, which will influence our budgeting process and, potentially, the amount of your annual assessment.

Speaking of the annual assessment, don't forget to watch at the end of December for your 2024 dues invoice from HOA Accounting Services. Please be sure that you are familiar with the process for their portal registration and payments. Information on this can be found at <http://www.belwoodhomes.org/payments.html>

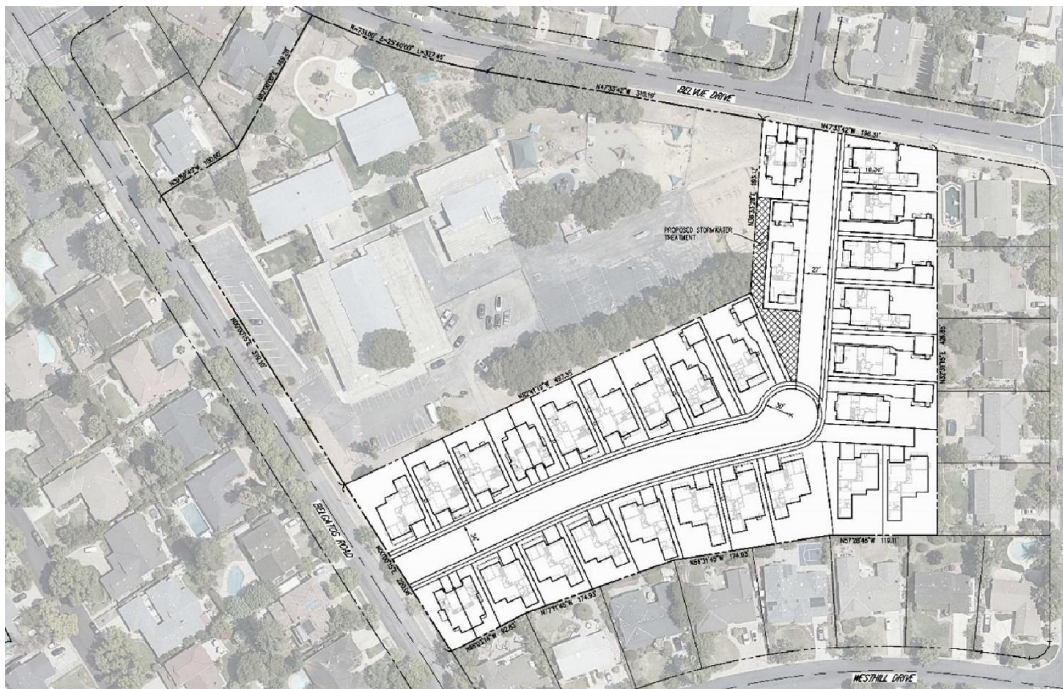
Regards Bob

## ***Mirassou School proposal to build houses on property***

There was a special Union School District board meeting on Friday August 25th to vote on a proposal to allow housing to be built on 1/2 of the Mirassou “AKA Mulberry School” property. The field will be replaced by 30 homes and the existing school buildings will continue to be leased to a private school.

**Meeting for neighbors to get organized Tuesday Sept 5th at 7pm at the cabana.** If you are interested in joining the neighborhood group come to the meeting or email to mirassoudev@gmail.com

Need neighborhood representation at meetings and to help get the word out.



Over 75 neighbors showed up to the special meeting to hear the board presentation and to make public comments to the board. The board did vote to proceed with the project 3:2.

Next steps will be developer Robson Homes will do neighborhood meetings and start the process with the Town of Los Gatos. The town will need to do traffic studies etc. and this project will be a long process.

The presentation and documents are available on the union school district site.

<https://go.boarddocs.com/ca/unionsd/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=CUXMMS5BF0C1>

Here is the link for to the opposition site on nextdoor <https://nextdoor.com/g/lw4z8li1r/>

Here is the link to the facebook group for belwood

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/105901399446505>

## ***Belwood Halloween party needs your help***



Come join the committee organizing the Halloween party.

Need some help planning the games prior to the event. Day of the event will need some Ghosts and Goblins to run some kids games for a couple hours, great job for some young teens.

Party is Sunday Oct. 29th in afternoon. This is a Belwood tradition for the little ones to wear their costumes and have some fun. It will be fairly low key event with decorations, food, drinks and some games for kids.



If can join our committee or have some ideas you can contact Debbie Gary  
debbiegary@comcast.net

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## ***Calling all teens interested in becoming lifeguards next summer***

Do you have a child close to 15 years old that is ready for a paying job next summer? They can lifeguard at the Belwood Pool. Students must be at least 15 years old by the last day of Red Cross class. Students must pass a pre-course swimming skills test prior to taking lifeguarding courses .

The American Red Cross Lifeguarding Classes in San Jose are designed to train you with the necessary skills to promote water safety, prevent accidents and injury while also learning crucial response techniques in the event of a water emergency. The Red Cross lifeguard training program is designed to arm you with the proper knowledge necessary to be a lifeguard while also preparing you for a variety of scenarios around water. <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/lifeguarding>



## ***Belwood News and Events***

### **LADIES WATER FITNESS - Thursday's 11:45am – 12:45pm**

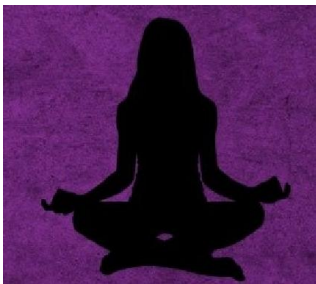
Class will run until September 21st Thursday's 11:45am – 12:45pm

You don't have to be a Belwood resident to join this class, so grab your friends and head to the pool. This water fitness class provides a cardiovascular workout. It strengthens and conditions your body without stress to muscles and joints. This is a great way to add variety and fun to your workout. No equipment needed. This is a great class to get to know your neighbors and have some fun while you exercise.

**You must know how to swim to attend this class and register in advance for the first class you attend.**

**September Session** Thursday's (3 classes Sept 7, 14, 21,) \$20 per class

Email [cindyadamspilates@gmail.com](mailto:cindyadamspilates@gmail.com) Text or Call 408-655-5696



### **Yoga Class Free for Belwood on Monday's**

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.

## Belwood Swim Team News



Belwood Champs for 2023!

The Belwood Swim Team was back in the pool this summer and swimming faster than ever! Our fun-loving and hard-working swimmers brought home the Valley Cabana Swim League Championship trophy for the second year in a row. Way to go Dolphins!

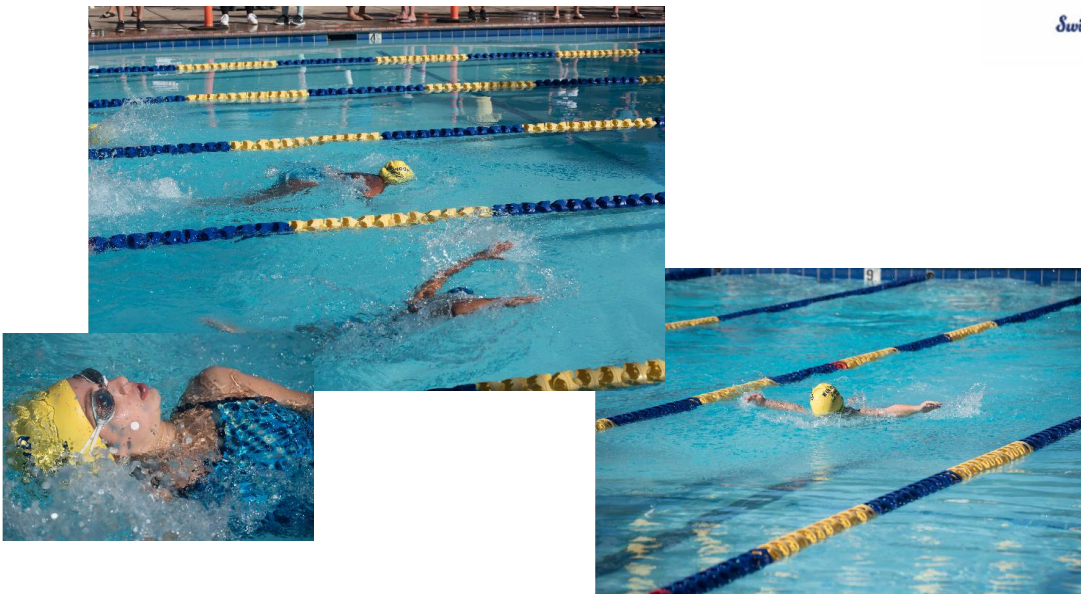
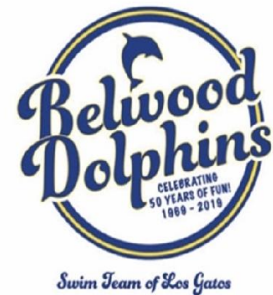
Our cabana swim team focuses on friendship, fun, and team spirit, all while improving swimmers' skills and their race times. A huge thank you to Coach Jesse Saenz and his awesome coaching staff, most of whom were Belwood swimmers before they became coaches. We couldn't have done it without you!

We'd also like to thank the members of the Belwood HOA Board of Directors for their continued support of our cabana swim community. Our close partnership with the HOA is what enables us to provide a great experience for all of our swimmers and their families.

If you are interested in joining our team next season, please check out our team website at [www.belwooddolphins.com](http://www.belwooddolphins.com) for more information about the team and registration for the 2024 summer season, which will open on February 1, 2024. You can also check out a recap of our 2023 season linked below, and thanks to Panteha Saban for her hard work putting together this incredible video.

Congratulations Belwood on another successful season, let's go Dolphins!

Check out our 2023 video <https://youtu.be/EEk4FLyALOY?si=gqtzkkIEbw5k22VGk>



## Community Bulletin Board

If you would like submit an article send the info to the Editor Debbie Gary [hoa@belwoodhomes.org](mailto: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



### Music Lessons

Looking for a music teacher for your children or yourself? GREAT teacher available. Claudia 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. For more information see [www.claudiagantivar.com](http://www.claudiagantivar.com) or email [cgantivar@yahoo.com](mailto:cgantivar@yahoo.com)

### Rentals - 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](http://www.koolinahome.com)

### Local Boy Scout Troop 339 accepting new scouts

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.



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

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