

# Belwood Belringer

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## Time to Swim

Pool opens Memorial day weekend May 27th. Lifeguards will be on duty 1pm-7pm Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Open weekends only until school is out in June.

Full Lifeguards on duty starting on June 3rd until Mid August 7 days a week 1pm-7pm. Key holders can access the pool from 6am to 10pm 7 days a week.

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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#### **We're on the Web!**

Visit us at:

[www.belwoodhomes.org](http://www.belwoodhomes.org)

## ***President's message– by Richard Renati***

Over the past 5 years serving on the HOA board, I have witnessed the commitment of the current Board of Directors (BOD) to realizing our primary duties, including: representing the common interest of the entire membership; managing the facility in a safe and sound manner; maintaining financial and fiduciary responsibilities; and administering the facility in such a way, that it is viewed as an enhancement to living in the Belwood community.

As a completely volunteer leadership group, their efforts are greatly appreciated, and should be applauded. With that said, we currently have one vacant position on the Board of Directors and are actively looking for Belwood residents to fill this position. The HOA cannot run without the efforts of our dedicated BOD, and it is imperative that we get new members involved to ensure the preservation of our cherished community asset. If you are interested in joining the Belwood BOD please contact any board member and fill out the application form found in FORMS on the HOA website. We would love to have more community participation to support our HOA.

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### ***Bingo and Movie night June 17th***

Come join the fun with a Belwood Bingo night and a family friendly Movie party on June 17th at the cabana.

Bring your own lawn chair, and a burrito or pizza and enjoy the evening in Los Gatos' best neighborhood!!

Bingo cards are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 family plan.

6PM – Music

6:30 – Bingo

8PM – Movie Night

The movie is outside so bring a jacket or blanket to snuggle in for the kid friendly movie party

Reminder – we will have popcorn, and cotton candy, 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.

**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!



### ***Two New classes this year for toddlers and adults-***

**Little Dolphins (Level 1)** This class is a Parent and me (9 months - 3 years old). An adult must be in the water with your baby/toddler. Every Tuesday @ 11:15 (\$10 Drop in)

**Adult Class (New)(18+)** Only Session 1, 7PM (group)

This class is for adults who want to learn how to swim who never got a chance to learn. Swimmers will learn basic swimming skills such as back floating, arm strokes, kicking while holding their breath.

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

- Guppies (Level 2) youngest swimmers ages 2-4
- Octopus (Level 3) basic swimming skills ages 4-6
- Otter (Level 4) continuation of skills from level 3. ages 5-7
- Seals (Level 5) introduces side breathing and backstroke ages 6-9
- Frog (Level 6) introduce elementary backstroke & breaststroke ages 7-10
- Dolphin (Level 7) This class is for swimmers who want to improve in the competition aspect of swimming and learn butterfly.

Dates:

Session 1 (2 week session, M-F): June 19- June 30 \$250 per 2 week session or \$500 for private

Session 2: (1 week session , Thu-Wed) July 6,7,10,11,12 \$125 per 1 week session or \$250 for private

Session 3: (2 week session, M-F) July 17 - July 28 \$250 per 2 week session or \$500 for private

Session 4: (1 week session , M-F) July 31 - Aug 4th \$125 per 1 week session or \$250 for private

Times: All lessons are 30 minutes duration 11:30 am , 12:00 pm, 12:30 pm

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

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

Please scan completed and email it to us at [swimlessons@belwoodhomes](mailto: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](mailto:swimlessons@belwoodhomes.org)

## Treasurer's message— by Bob Kalpin

At this time last year, I was reading the Belringer newsletter and noticed an appeal for new members of the Belwood board of directors. After sitting in on a couple meetings I volunteered and became a director. Last January I assumed the position of Treasurer. It has been a steep learning curve, but I am enjoying participating in and contributing to the operation of our association.

Our finances are in solid shape due to the keen oversight of our board of directors. At this point in the year, our income and expenses are in line with the expectations of our budget. There are still a number of members who have not yet paid their annual dues and we strongly encourage them to submit their payment quickly and help us keep our accounting running smoothly.

Over 60 members have purchased after-hours keys, which is an encouraging sign that people are eager to come out and enjoy the facility. If you would like your own key it isn't too late to purchase for \$75 and the form is on the website <http://www.belwoodhomes.org/forms.html>

What is the benefit of having a key?

1. Use of the pool outside of lifeguard hours between 6 AM and 10 PM
2. Use of the pool early or late in the season, when lifeguards are not staffed
3. Use of the picnic area, bocce lanes, or basketball court year round

I have come to understand that our board of directors has been doing a truly amazing job of managing finances, maintaining the facility, attending to the concerns of members, and fostering a sense of community in our neighborhood. It is really impressive how much they care about and contribute to the association. Please let them know you appreciate their efforts, and perhaps consider joining us for a meeting or volunteering to serve on the board. If you are interested in helping out around the facility, we can always use a hand with tasks like small repairs and preventative maintenance. Let me know if you are interested.

Bob Kalpin 408 306-7610



**Help wanted** we need a board member or committee member with some website tech experience. Our Belwood website needs some “love” and a “facelift”.

Contact the board at [hoa@belwoodhomes.org](mailto:hoa@belwoodhomes.org)

### Help Wanted

Part Time work for a team of teens to paint the black metal fences. Pays \$15.50 per hour and flexible hours during the summer until the job is done. Contact the board at [hoa@belwoodhomes.org](mailto:hoa@belwoodhomes.org)



## *New bookkeeping firm updates— by Dave*

Many of you are aware that we are in the process of transitioning to bookkeeping firm, HOA Accounting. While we've operated more or less the same way for 58 years, we are having to change and adapt to a new way of doing business.

Much of this will be transparent to you, but there are many visible examples. Things such as how your dues are paid, fees that get added to unpaid dues, how you receive emails and even who to call with questions when you buy or sell a house in our neighborhood. We are in the process of documenting many procedures and aligning them to our new payroll company and bookkeeping firm. While it's a lot of work, it will pay dividends over time.

If you have not done so already, I strongly encourage you to get your online account set up. Instructions are found on our [website](#). You will be able to pay your dues directly via ACH payments from your bank, or pay via credit card (with an additional fee). I know, we all have far too many online accounts but this is really important to do going forward.

As always, please reach out if you have any questions! Dave



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## *In Memory of Limin Cao by Jessica Thornberry*

Limin Cao, a beloved member of our community lived behind Mulberry school on my street. It has been nearly two months since Limin's untimely departure from our midst.

As a long-time resident of Belwood since 2010, Limin touched the lives of many with her warmth and kindness. Sadly, we were shaken by the tragic car accident that claimed Limin's life at the Leigh and Blossom Hill intersection in March.

In response, our united neighborhood took a stand by attending the Los Gatos town council meeting, urging for improved safety measures on that road. We hope that our collective efforts will prevent further tragedies from occurring.

During this difficult time, Limin's family finds solace in the outpouring of support and generosity from the community.

They remain profoundly grateful for the kindness extended to them in their time of grief.



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

### **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.



#### **2 Sessions**

June 15th – July 27th Thursday 11:45am -12:45pm (7 classes) \$105

August 3rd – September 28th Thursday 11:45am -12:45pm (8 classes) for \$120  
(No class September 14th)

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

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

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### ***Adult Morning Lap Swimming***

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

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 2022 FACILITY KEY REQUEST FORM (with \$75 fee) are welcome to join. Key request form can be located on [www.belwoodhomes.org](http://www.belwoodhomes.org)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

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

### **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.

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### ***CERT (Community Emergency Resource Team) for Bel-***

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.

Belwood CERT Leader Klaus has been our leader for the last eight years and is looking for a replacement, Klaus will continue assisting the new lead. Please consider joining the team.

Here is a link to learn more about CERT. [https://community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/open-training?language=en\\_US](https://community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/open-training?language=en_US)

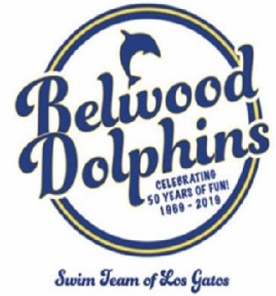
Please contact me if you need more info Klaus Schumann k.schumann@comcast.net KK6EBL



## Belwood Swim Team News

On May 1st the Belwood Swim Team season started! We've been jumping into the pool Monday-Thursday for afternoon practices, and on Saturday mornings.

We have been lucky enough to have a Sunday Clinic where we work in small groups to focus on a specific swim skill! Our pod is 150 dolphins strong. We are eager to defend our VCSL Championship, but most importantly we can't wait to build friendships within our community, improve swimming skills and have fun!



Did you miss signs ups and are curious what the swim team is all about? Come on down to the cabana on June 10th, June 24th or July 8th. On these dates we will be hosting home swim meets. You will get to see the team in action and hopefully be inspired to join the fall swim program and next year's summer program. We thank the HOA Board and the community for your continued support of the swim team. Go Belwood!!

Questions may be e-mailed to  
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Darrin Shimizu at [darrin.shimizu@gmail.com](mailto:darrin.shimizu@gmail.com)

Website for swim team  
<https://www.gomotionapp.com/team/recvlbdst/page/home>



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## Help our Ping Pong Table



Last summer our ping pong table got broken and is in need of repair. We need a handy person to take a look and let the board know if the ping pong table can be repaired.

We sure hope it can be repaired the kids really enjoy playing.

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Belwood will be hosting a July 4th party this year at the Cabana. Details will go out via email end of June.





## 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



### 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

### 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)