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2012 Board of Directors

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2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The annual election of members for the Board of Directors was held. Ballots were mailed out on October 16th. Of the 285 ballots sent 99 were returned, 86 of which were counted (13 had no signature). Returned ballots were tallied by an independent inspector for the election at the November 20th meeting of the board of directors. There were 6 candidates on the ballot for the nine board positions. There were also 19 names written-in.

As a result of the tally the 6 candidates on the ballot and 3 write-in candidates were elected. The directors for 2013 are Natalie Adee, Mitchell Cipriano, John Csubak, Lloyd Grant, Todd Harris, Scott House, Dave Klenske, Silvia Lee, and Ed Sharpe.

Officers will be selected at the January board meeting. Thank you to all association members who cast their votes. Thank you to the board member candidates for volunteering.

The board is responsible for oversight of facility maintenance, supervision of employees, and financial planning and tracking. Board members participate in a monthly meeting and spend a modest amount of time outside of the meeting.

Being a board member is a rewarding way to get involved and make a valuable contribution to the Belwood community. No experience is necessary. If you would like to become a candidate for the Board of Directors, please contact the board secretary or any board member anytime. Another way to contribute is to help out with cabana activities. Contact any board member (or specific event coordinators) if interested. Your participation is appreciated.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by John Bills

Happy Holidays!

As 2012 comes to a close, I personally want to thank Roy Chadwick for his 20+ years worth of contribution to the Belwood Board of Directors. 2012 will be Roy's last year on the Board. Since I've been on the Board, Roy was rarely absent from our monthly meetings and always one of the first to volunteer to chase down things related to the maintenance and upkeep of the facility. The Board also always appreciated, if not counted on, the depth of Roy's "tribal knowledge" when questions or issues would arise about something related to years past. The next time you see Roy, please stop and thank him for the dedication and service to Belwood. The Board will not be the same with you Mr. Chadwick!

Looking ahead to 2013, I'd like to welcome Scott House, Silva Lee and John Csubak to the Board. In addition to the seat vacated by Roy Chadwick, these new Board Members will fill seats vacated by myself and Mike Post. The Board is looking forward to working with Scott, Silva and John who will bring fresh ideas for the governance of our facility.

In review of the year and the over all Board business, the year went very smooth with few, if any, significant issues to address other than the usually day-to-day business. On the proactive front, our Treasurer, Dave Klenske, is spearheading an initiative to revise the Association By-laws. This is, and will likely be, the most important item on the Board agenda until it's complete. You will be hearing more about this in the coming months.

It's been a pleasure serving you and wish everyone a fun and safe New Year and all the best success in 2013!

Board Meeting Conduct – The Basics

1. The Board meeting is a meeting of the Directors of the Corporation.
2. As homeowners, you have a vested interest in your community, and you elected the Board members to take care of those interests.
3. Business matters come before the Board when a motion is made, and seconded. Each motion has a discussion period before a vote is taken. This discussion is to take place only between the Board members (and with management, if needed).
4. When a vote on a motion is taken, it is voted on by the Board members only.
5. If you would like an item to be considered by the Board to be on a future agenda for a decision, please submit your request or suggestion in writing at least a month before the next meeting. If you only want to verbally address the Board, you should plan on participating in the Open Forum portion of the meeting. (Note: The Board may be unable to make decisions on items until they have done the proper research and had time to consider their findings.)

TREASURER'S REPORT by Dave Klenske

Greetings Belwood Residents,

This is my last post of the year, and I am pleased that once again our budget is looking good. Through October, our income has exceeded our expected full year income and our expenses are below plan. While reserves were used to pay for the rest of the lights in the cabana (Near the parking lot and picnic area), we'll still contribute more than expected to our reserver fund for 2012. And, we only have two delinquent homeowners who have not paid their 2012 dues. All of these will help make sure we start 2013 out on sound financial footing.

One of our projects for 2012 which will carry over to 2013 is a complete revision of the By-laws. They were last revised about 8 years ago, and substantial legal and regulatory changes have occurred. Additionally, we wanted to fix some mistakes, update them with some new requirements, and modernize them to incorporate things such as electronic communication. We recently received a draft back from the lawyers, and the board of directors is reviewing it and will finalize the revisions. Once that has occurred, we will need to send the By-laws out to the membership for a vote. The recent board election had only a 35% response rate, and we'll need a much higher percentage of members returning their vote. If you are interested in learning more about the by-laws update, please feel free to contact me.

On a side note, if we DO NOT have your email address, please include it with you 2013 dues payment (the bills will be sent out at the end of December). We have found that email is an effective way to notify members of things of interest and periodic communication, and we promise to limit the emails you'll receive.

As always, we welcome members to our board meetings and hope to see you at one in the near future!

Dave Klenske

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13 Things Your Dog Can Teach You

1. When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
2. Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
3. Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
4. Take naps and stretch before rising.
5. Run, romp, and play daily.
6. On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
7. When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
8. No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout - run right back out and make friends.
9. Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
10. Eat with gusto and enthusiasm. Stop when you have had enough.
11. Be loyal.
12. Never pretend to be something you are not.
13. If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

Neighborhood Watch Tips

Let's all work together to help eliminate neighborhood crime. The following is not an exhaustive list but please watch out for these activities in our neighborhood:

- Someone running from a car or home.
- Someone screaming. If you can't explain the screams, call LGPD (911 or (408)354-8600) and report them.
- Someone going door-to-door in the neighborhood or looking into windows and parked cars.
- Someone asking about past residents.
- Someone who appears to have no purpose wandering through the neighborhood.
- Unusual or suspicious noises that you cannot explain, such as breaking glass or pounding.
- Vehicles moving slowly without lights or without an apparent destination.
- Business transactions conducted from a vehicle. This could involve the sale of drugs or stolen goods.
- Offers of merchandise available for ridiculously low prices. The merchandise might be stolen.
- Someone walking or running while carrying property at an unusual time or place.
- Someone removing property from unoccupied residences.
- A stranger entering a neighbor's home which appears to be unoccupied.
- A stranger in a car who stops to talk to a child.
- A child resisting the advances of an adult.

RECIPE OF THE QUARTER – FISH TACOS BELLWOOD-ULTIMO

Prep Time: 30 Minutes

Cook Time: 30 Minutes

Ingredients

2 pounds tilapia fillets
2 tablespoons lime juice
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon paprika
cooking spray

1/2 cup plain fat-free yogurt
2 tablespoons lime juice
1 1/2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
1 1/2 teaspoons canned chipotle peppers in adobo sauce

16 (5 inch) corn tortillas
2 cups shredded cabbage
1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
1 tomato, chopped
1 avocado - peeled, pitted, and sliced
1/2 cup salsa
2 green onions, chopped

Directions

1. Rub tilapia fillets with 2 tablespoons lime juice and season with salt, black pepper, garlic powder, and paprika. Spray both sides of each fillet with cooking spray.
2. Preheat grill for medium heat and lightly oil the grate.
3. Combine yogurt, 2 tablespoons lime juice, cilantro, and chipotle pepper in a blender; pulse until sauce is well blended. Set aside.
4. Grill tilapia on preheated grill until fish is easily flaked with a fork, about 5 minutes on each side.
5. Heat each corn tortilla in a skillet over medium-low heat until warm, about 1 minute. Divide grilled fish evenly over corn tortillas and serve with cilantro-lime sauce, cabbage, Monterey Jack cheese, tomato, avocado, salsa, and green onions.

Nutritional Information:

Amount Per Serving Calories: 336 | Total Fat: 11g | Cholesterol: 55mg

NEED HELP?

Belwood Residents

Free advice to solve home repair, maintenance, or improvement problems.

Call: Roy Chadwick
356-5431

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

KAUAI CONDO:

Kapaa Kauai Hawaii Condo for rent. Located in the Pono Kai Resort on the East Shore Coconut coast. 2BR/2 bath on ground floor, facing beach. Full kitchen, dining and living rooms. Sleeps 6. Swimming pool, clubhouse, close to shopping. For photos, details and contact info, go to: <http://www.vrbo.com/33499>
Call: Sal Leonardi 356-5205

OAHU LUXURY TOWNHOME:

Fabulous, newly 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). 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 & mention "Belwood Resident", or call Sue Ahmadian 356-5276.

MONTHLY EVENTS

Belwood Homeowners Board Mtg: Open to all Belwood members - Cabana Club - 7:30 pm, third Tues. 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 Pgm.**) 258-8400 or Margaret Norten (**Adult Pgm.**) 356-8254

Schedule Cabana Club:

Gina Wagner 358-2229

COMMUNITY ADS

Piano Lessons in Belwood

Many styles including Pop, Rock, Folk, Jazz, Classical. Ages 8-80.
For more information call Crystal Nichols at 408 356-7290

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

Precision Locksmiths, Inc.

I have heard through Bellringer that there has been vandalism and burglary throughout the neighborhood. I own Precision Locksmith, Inc. and as your neighbor I would like to waive all trip charge fees with a free home security check. Please contact me with any of your security needs.

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The next newsletter will be in March 2013.

Please email articles to John Bills at jpbills@gmail.com by **March 1, 2013**.