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2011 Board of Directors

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EDITOR'S NOTE by Jackie Sandoval

Hi Belwood residents, We're all busy gearing up for the Holidays (hopefully by the time you read this, you're almost DONE with your Holiday to-do's), so I'll keep this short. As I was proof reading this issue, it struck me that we have a wealth of resources right in this neighborhood. Whether you're looking for a tutor, a handyman, or are thinking about that beach vacation, there are lots of options offered to you by Belwood residents! Be sure to check out the ads on Page 5 and support your Belwood neighbors. Hope you have a safe and Happy Holiday season (and enjoy all the lights twinkling across Belwood...I know that's the highlight for me every December). Enjoy this issue! (Comments to jackiefs@comcast.net)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by John Bills

As the year draws to an end, I reflect back on the events and activities held this year at the Cabana and the Board and many of our neighbors put together a great 2011.

Our fantastic Belwood Dolphins dished out a superb effort this year and we're looking forward to another highly competitive season in 2012. The Cabana Swim Staff put on a first class 4th of July party for all of us, while movie nights and Bingo Rich were another welcome summer highlight. Finally, our scariest Halloween capped off the season of Cabana activities with outstanding help and support from the community.

The Board was busy again this year evolving Cabana rules in an attempt to keep pace with the requirements spelled out in the Davis-Sterling Act and we continued to refine our long term financial plan that we anticipate will keep our Cabana Association strong and stable for many years.

We have just completed the elections for the 2012 Board of Directors and the final slate of 9 is still pending. Out of the 9 slots, we had only 6 candidates who ran.

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2012 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The annual election of members for the Board of Directors was held. Ballots were mailed out on October 12th. Of the 285 ballots sent, 88 were returned, 75 of which were counted (13 had no signature). Returned ballots were tallied by an independent inspector for the election at the November 15th meeting of the board of directors. There were six candidates on the ballot for the nine board positions. There were also a number of write-in votes.

As a result of the tally, the six candidates on the ballot had sufficient votes to be elected and will be on the 2012 Board of Directors. The six are: John Bills, Roy Chadwick, Lloyd Grant, Todd Harris, Dave Klenske, and Ed Sharpe. There were a large number of write-in candidates. The current board is still working on contacting them in order of number of votes each received to fill the three other positions.

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 may 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 before October 1, 2012. 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.

BELWOOD DOLPHINS SWIM TEAM SIGN-UPS IN MARCH

Calling all Dolphins—sign-ups for the swim team will be coming in March, 2012—more info to follow via email and the March Bellringer.

The team is made up of swimmers from 4-18 years of age (swimmers must be able to complete one lap of freestyle within a set time to be eligible). It's a fun way to get to know your neighbors and to feel like part of the Belwood community!

If you'd like more info about the team, you can check out the website (www.belwooddolphins.com) or contact Katie Baguley (katiebaguley@yahoo.com) or Suzan Packee (s.packee@comcast.net).

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For more details about the election, read Ed Sharpe's article on Page 2. And stay tuned for more details as we finalize the 2012 Board of Directors spots and the Officers in January 2012.

As a friendly reminder, we are a volunteer organization and the Association activities require the effort and support of our membership to ensure successful outcomes. Thank you to all for your contributions this year and we're looking forward to another fun and successful year in 2012.

SENIOR AEROBICS CLASSES

Start your fitness New Years resolution early! Join our "Over Fifty" exercises class. We meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:15am-10:15am.

The classes consist of a warm-up followed by a 30 minute cardio session, all low impact and no jumping. Then we do a resistance session of alternating weights, which are provided, and resistance bands. Core strengthening, toning, stretching, and a cool-down complete the class.

This is a fun, effective class where we encourage everyone to work at their own pace. The class is held in the multi-purpose room of the **Carter Avenue** church located at **5265 Carter Avenue (SJ)**. This room and free parking area are on the rear side of the facility. The class fee is \$40 monthly or \$5 for a drop-in.

Please call me if you have any questions. My name is Candace Wright. I am a Certified Aerobics Instructor. My home phone number is: **(408) 265-3314**, and my e-mail address is: fitwrightnow@yahoo.com.

Hope to see you there!

TREASURER'S REPORT **by Dave Klenske**

Greetings,

As 2011 winds down, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire Belwood Board for their contributions over the past year, and to wish departing board members Josh Lamour, Rich Dobner, and Mark Morgan the best as they move on to bigger and better things (although their involvement will continue despite the fact they are no longer board members). Thank you gentlemen, and I look forward to meeting new board members in January.

Our 2011 financial situation is looking positive, with operation expenses kept in line and a contribution already made to the reserve funds. We'll likely have a second contribution at the December meeting as we have a clearer picture of how the year will end up.

As you learned from the financial package, the board of directors approved an increase of dues by 10% to provide funds to accelerate building of reserve funds. Annual Dues will increase from \$435 per unit to \$480 per unit, a \$45 annual increase. We have held dues constant for the past three years, but we need to raise them for 2012 to ensure a adequate buffer for our reserves. As previously stated, my goal has been to fully fund all operational items, and have the required annual reserve contribution, for each year's budget.

You will be billed for the 2012 assessment in December, and they will be due in January. By promptly paying, we will avoid spending money to continue to send statements to members, to send registered letters to those who are delinquent past certain time periods, and eliminating extra work by our bookkeeper. As always, if there is a reason why you can't pay your dues or need to schedule a payment plan, please feel free to contact myself or another board member to work out an appropriate arrangement for your personal situation.

If you have ANY questions, I encourage you to come to a board meeting or contact me directly.

Thanks,

Dave Klenske; Treasurer, Belwood Homeowners Association
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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>

NEED A MATH TUTOR?

Any level of math from 6th grade to Calculus and Statistics.

Call Tom Martin at 408-358-1490. Credentialed teacher and Belwood resident.

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

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

Babysitting & Pet Sitting Services

We are two sisters, Jenna (18 years old) and Andrea Goeke (16 years old). We have pet sitting and babysitting experience and would love to babysit your pet or children (over 2 years old). We live on Bacigalupi Drive so we are very close to your home.
Please call either of us at 356-4675.

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.

Precision Locksmith, Inc.
Office - (408) 377 5625
Robertgolter@yahoo.com

READING TUTOR:

Reading Tutor, Grades K-1. Retired teacher, Reading Recovery certified. **Call: Andrea Schuemann (408) 356-8886.**

The next newsletter will be in March 2012. Please email articles to Jackie Sandoval (jackiefs@comcast.net) by **March 1, 2012.**