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EDITOR'S NOTE by Jackie Sandoval

Hi Belwood residents, summer is in full swing (finally!) and there's lots happening at the Cabana. For info on upcoming events like **Bingo/Movie nights (the first one is this Sun, June 13 at 6:30pm)**, Swim Team Poker Night (June 26), the annual July 4th party, and other fun neighborhood stuff, you'll have to read the whole newsletter! (Comments to jackiefs@comcast.net)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by John Bills*

Around the middle of May, a good friend of mine told me he was going to put up the holiday lights on his house because the constant rain had to mean Christmas was right around the corner. The weather's been nice for about a week now (as I write this), but the downside is everyone I run into is suffering from big time allergies. Hopefully the pollen count will drop quickly, but more importantly, please ensure you check your yards thoroughly for standing water (buckets, empty planting pots, garbage cans, fountains, Junior's dump truck with the bed full of water, kiddie pool, etc.). Eliminating unnecessary standing water will keep the mosquito population down and West Nile out of Belwood.

The pool is open and the 2010 Lifeguard staff is working on weekends from 1:00pm – 7:00pm, moving to a daily schedule once school is out. Key holders, please remember that outside of the normal Lifeguard hours, do not prop the gate open to the pool. While this makes it more convenient to come and go from the pool area, it creates a safety hazard for younger ones who may be at the cabana for an event and could wander into the pool area unsupervised. **Please ensure that the gate is firmly closed as you enter and exit the pool area outside of Lifeguard hours. Lastly, guests are permitted in the pool area only during lifeguarded hours.** Please be sure to review the Cabana rules on our website at www.belwoodhomes.org so that we have another safe summer.

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BELWOOD DOLPHINS OPEN THE SEASON WITH A WIN

The Belwood Dolphin Swim Team started the summer season by defeating Los Paseos by the narrowest margin—at least the narrowest margin any of us can remember in the past decade—0.19!! The Dolphins trailed by over 10 points at the halfway point, but improved times made the difference in the second half. Phew, way to go Dolphins!

The team welcomed many new Belwood families this year and it's amazing to see the new swimmers improving by leaps and bounds. Next weekend's meet promises to be another close one, with the Belwood team travelling to face a strong Oaktree team.

If you'd like to check out a home meet, come down to the cabana on one of the following Saturdays at 8:30am (6/19 vs. the Gators; 6/26 vs. Silver Creek; 7/10 vs. Montevideo). You'll be treated to some fabulous snack bar food (the best tri-tip and nachos you'll ever find at a swim meet) and some super-fast swimming.

For info on the Belwood Dolphin Swim Team, check out the team website: www.belwooddolphins.com. Or you can contact Lenore Grant (lenoregrant@verizon.net) or Katie Baguley (katiebaguley@yahoo.com)



MOVIE & BINGO NIGHTS COMING SOON

Bingo and a movie are 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. The dates are all set—all we need is you! Mark your calendar and get ready for some lively bingo with Belwood's own "Bingo Rich":

June 13: 6:30 pm bingo/movie (includes a summer welcome from the HOA board)

July 11: 6:30 pm bingo/movie

August 7: 6:30pm bingo/movie

Other save the dates:

July 4th Party (Sunday)

Oct 30th Halloween Party

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *continued from page 1*

The main topic for this article is to recognize the recent efforts of Director Lloyd Grant. His "regular" job on the board this year was the responsibility of hiring our co-managers for the pool (we have two this year) and the lifeguard staff. But above and beyond that, his significant contribution has been in spearheading the effort involved with planning the replacement of the pool deck. I've mentioned in a previous article that there are a variety of aging issues with the pool. Drainage is almost nonexistent and both the plumbing and electrical are in need of replacement. The concrete is also deteriorating creating a variety of issues and hazards. Several months ago, Lloyd assembled a committee of both Board and Association members, including representatives from the Swim Team, to work with an architect to develop plans for replacing the deck and utilities. The information from this work will be used to solicit bids from contractors to understand the effort, and most important, cost of this undertaking. Lloyd has volunteered many hours of his time to coordinate numerous meetings with the committee and various organizations – architects, engineers, surveyors, planning department folks, other city officials, etc. to ensure the Board can make an informed decision on how and when to proceed with this project. Lloyd has moved this project along faster than anyone expected given the volunteer nature of the organization. I want to also recognize and thank the committee members working with Lloyd on this: Lisa Harris, Roy Chadwick, Tamiko House, Tom Sandoval, and Gina Wagner—hopefully I haven't missed anyone. Your efforts are truly appreciated and the Board sincerely thanks you for your contribution and support.

As a friendly reminder, this is a volunteer organization and your help is needed for projects and events that are hosted by the Association (July 4th, Bingo/Movie nights, Halloween, etc.). Please contact anyone on the board if you can pitch in and help. Have a great summer!

John Bills, President of Belwood Homes Association; jpbills@gmail.com

BELWOOD POOL UPDATE: RESIDENTS MUST USE NEW POOL PASS

This year, the Belwood Pool will have two Co-Lifeguard Managers: Lauren Wagner and Bryan Kupka. They have both been Lifeguards at Belwood for the past few years. One of the two will always be on duty and will be able to help you with any issues in the pool area. **Beginning June 11, all Belwood members must carry a pool pass badge at the cabana. (The pool will be open daily starting June 11 with Lifeguards on duty from 1PM to 7PM.)** The pool badges must be carried at all times and be presented when entering the facility. Lifeguards will be issuing the badges beginning June 11 between 1PM and 7PM. Lauren or Bryan will be introducing themselves to you and asking to see your pool pass. If you do not have it, they will ask you to return home to get it. The pool pass conveniently fits onto a key ring along with your pool key. There will be a one-week grace period for everyone to get used to showing a pass. This will help ensure that only Belwood Residents and Class D Members are using our facilities.

**BELWOOD DOLPHINS
TEXAS HOLDEM' FUNdraiser NIGHT**

Back by popular demand, please join us **Saturday, June 26th** for our second annual social night of crazy card playing fun. Mingle with old and new friends as you compete for prizes and the pure thrill of a winning hand. Proceeds from the event will go to the Dolphins' Swim Team Equipment Relief Fund.

You don't have to know when to hold 'em or when to fold 'em because we'll kick the night off with a Texas Tutorial & Cocktail Hour. And, for those that have greater odds leaving things to chance, we'll also have a raffle drawing for some cool prizes.

When:

Saturday, June 26th

6:00-7:00 p.m.: Texas Tutorial & Cocktail Hour

7:00-8:30 p.m.: Round 1

8:30-9:00 p.m.: Intermission & Raffle

9:00-10:30 p.m.: Round 2

Where: Belwood Cabana

Who: Belwood Neighbors & Friends

Cost: Prepaid entry fee of \$40/person for initial buy-in. (\$20 for additional buy-ins at the event).

RSVP Deadline:

Spaces will be reserved on a first-come basis; seating is limited to 32 (4 tables of 8). Please submit your entry by Friday, June 18th.

Volunteers NEEDED:

Not feeling lucky, but want to participate? Volunteers please contact Suzan Packee @ 408.621.8050 or s.packee@comcast.net to help make the event a success.

BELWOOD STREET RESURFACING & TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECTS

Kevin Rohani, a Los Gatos Town Engineer, kindly attended a recent board meeting to provide us with some information on a couple of town plans. He stated that late this summer, we should expect to see some street resurfacing projects being carried out in our neighborhood. Plans will be coordinated with work plans of other utilities. In response to a neighborhood petition, the town will also be considering implementation of some 9 traffic calming measures in the neighborhood. They will probably be conducting an informational and feedback gathering meeting as early as this fall. Residents in the area will be later notified of the time and place. Details of the process the town follows can be found in the brochure "Neighborhood Traffic Calming Policy"
<http://losgatosca.gov/index.aspx?NID=956>.

TREASURER'S REPORT *By Dave Klenske*

Greetings Belwood Residents,

We're about halfway through 2010 already, and the board has been very busy so far this year. We're working on the plans for new hardscape and landscaping in the facility, and we're excited about the progress we've made and how nice the facility will look. New lifeguards have been hired, and we've distributed pool passes to residents to help ensure those who are at the pool have the right to be there. And, our financials continue to be strong despite the poor economy. We've set aside over \$150K in reserve funds, are closely managing expenses, and are very comfortable with our budget this year. Our 2009 calendar year financial reports were recently reviewed by independent auditors, as required by law, and the accountants were not aware of any material modifications to the statements (in other words, we passed). If you're interested in the details, please feel free to attend a board meeting to review.

See you at the Cabana this summer!

Dave Klenske
408.829.3283

SCHOOLS OUT FOR SUMMER *by Josh Lamour*

It's that time of year again; the time when freedom rings and BBQ's are a blaze with yummy summertime favorites. It's also a time to pay extra attention on our neighborhood streets- With school out that means more kids playing basketball, kickball, tetherball, you name it "ball" on our local streets. That means when we are coming home from work, eager to join in on the action, we need to remember that there will most likely be a gaggle of kids on some street or corner--- and if a ball comes out in front of your car, you can bet a child will be chasing right behind it.

Please take extra precautions during the evening drive home--- Belwood Gateway, Westhill, Harwood, and Bacigalupi are not the Autobahn— top speeds should not exceed 25 MPH and at best should be around 15 to 20 MPH. Take a moment, drive slowly, and enjoy the sights.

Further, with summer comes the summer swim season. In the early AM hours, please be on the lookout for our very own Belwood Dolphin swimmers making their way back from their early morning practices (usually in flip-flops, cold and draped in a towel).

Parents, please remind your kids about street safety, to be aware of their surroundings, remind them to always assume that the car does not see them, and to use safety precautions like helmets or flashlights if traveling at dusk.

Have a happy and safe summer!

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
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close to shopping. \$165/night.
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townhome for rent. 3 BR, 3 BA +
den, 1700+ square feet, 5 min
walk to beach in the luxurious
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Perfect for families. See our
website for pictures, details and
contact info:
<http://www.koolinahome.com>

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, 408-356-8647 or email
gailbordi@yahoo.com

Babysitting Services

Hi my name is Holly Nolan and I live on Westhill Drive
and attend Leigh High School. I am 16 years old and a
Red Cross certified babysitter. I love to be around
kids. So if anyone needs a babysitter give me a call and
I'd be glad to assist! **Holly Nolan 358-7324**

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.

Carpool To Valley Christian Wanted for Fall

Our boys will be attending Valley Christian this fall, and
we'd like to set up a carpool. They'll be attending both
the Leigh Ave and Skyway Drive Campuses so either
would work. If your children will attend and you'd like
to set up a carpool to either or both campuses, please
let us know! dave@klenske.com or 408.829.3823

The next newsletter will be in September 2010.
Please email articles to Jackie Sandoval
(jackiefs@comcast.net) by **September 1, 2010.**