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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 on Sun, June 25 at 6:30pm)**, Swim Team Card Night (Fri, June 24), and other fun neighborhood stuff, you'll have to read the whole newsletter! (Comments to jackiefs@comcast.net)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by John Bills

The pool is open with a whole new look. The 2011 Lifeguard staff is in place and the pool is open every day from 1:00pm - 7:00pm. **Key holders, please remember that outside of the normal Lifeguard hours, do not prop the gate open to the pool.** We really need everyone's help with this. While this makes it more convenient to come and go from the pool area, it creates a *huge* safety hazard for children who may be at the cabana for an event and who 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.** To ensure that we all have a safe summer, please review the Cabana rules on our website at www.belwoodhomes.org.

Mosquitos: After all the rain, there are places in our yards where small pools may have accumulated providing ideal breeding grounds for mosquitos. Please take a few minutes to walk through your yard and eliminate these dens. Common places: empty flower pots, children's toys, wheelbarrows, fountains, wishing wells, gutters from clogged down spouts, empty paint cans, tarps, garbage cans, uncle Karl's hooch jug, open and/or upside down things that can hold water for a long time. Please dry it up!

Slow Down and Look: Now that school is out, kids and young adults will be out and about in the neighborhood more frequently, in larger numbers, and perhaps with less
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BELWOOD DOLPHINS OPEN THE SEASON WITH A WIN

The Belwood Dolphin Swim Team started the summer season by defeating Montevideo 119-105. Although the score was tight at the half, the Dolphins rallied in the second half, moving ahead in place points and dominating in improved times. Way to go Dolphins! The second meet was a tough one, with Belwood narrowly losing to last year's League Champs, the Oaktree Sharks. Don't worry Dolphins, we'll get 'em at Champs!

If you'd like to check out a home meet, (maybe your swimmer thinks they'd like to join next year?), come down to the Cabana on July 9 when the team takes on the Los Paseos Penguins. You'll be treated to some fabulous snack bar food (the best breakfast burritos 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 Katie Baguley (katiebaguley@yahoo.com).

Remaining meet schedule:

June 18th @ Almaden

June 25th @ Silvercreek

July 9th Home vs Los Paseos

July 16th Champs @ Morgan Hill Aquatics Center



BINGO AND MOVIE 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":

Sat, June 25: 6:30 pm bingo/movie

Sat, July 9: 6:30 pm bingo/movie

August: Date TBD

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supervision. You may notice Belwood swimmers heading to morning practices on bikes and boards (swimmers practice from 7am-10:15am so there will be more kids on the streets during these hours as they travel to/from the pool). Please consider pouring a cup of decaf over the triple shot dose before leaving for your day. Please proceed slowly and be watchful. This will help to keep our neighborhood kids safe!

Internet at the Pool: The Cabana now has FREE wireless. When you are down there, ours is the BHOA connection. No login is required and the connection is UNsecure. Terms of use are simple: connection and uptime are not guaranteed and use is at your own risk. The Board has directed the Guard Staff to decline assistance with connection issues while on duty. At best, they can reboot the router during adult swim.

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 party, Bingo/Movie nights, Halloween, etc.). Please contact anyone on the Board if you can pitch in and help. Many hands make light work! Have a great summer!

John Bills, Preseident, Belwood Homeowners Association
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DON'T LET THE CITY CUT OUR CROSSING GUARD By Josh Lamour

As the City of San Jose deals with a \$150 million dollar deficit, many options to reduce spending are being evaluated. One item on the chopping block is our beloved crossing guard, Dorothy, at Harwood and Blossom Hill Rd. Dorothy has been providing safe passage across the busy intersection for almost a quarter century—24 years to be exact! If you've crossed this street with Dorothy, you'll know that she gives all kids a high-five, is genuinely interested in the kids' lives, and is a community fixture.

After a lot of back and forth with government officials, the SJPD, and other community individuals, it is clear that the crossing guard post at Harwood and Blossom Hill is important to a lot of people. There have been rumors about outsourcing the guards to a Southern California company that specializes in staffing crossing guards, or cutting the guard post completely. Some have inquired with the Los Gatos City Government and it has been made clear that the intersection of Harwood and Blossom Hill Rd is San Jose's authority (LG is only one of 4 corners).

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TREASURER'S REPORT by Dave Klenske

We're midway through the year and our operating budget is on track. Most of the members have paid their dues, with only about 14 as of May 15 being delinquent out of 285 members. This is normal for this time of year. Other expenses are more or less similar to last year.

I hope you've all had a chance to see the new pool deck and major renovations to the facility. With swim team starting, I'm really excited to see the new streamlined layout. It will really make the Saturdays much more enjoyable! We've also added a number of new chairs, purchased used from Courtside club. We spent about as much for 12 chairs as we'd spend for one, and these are barely used. It's another great example of the board's effective management of our funds to maximize the benefits to our members.

As mentioned in the December Belringer, my 2011 financial goals (along with current status) are:

Making sure the Cabana pool deck replacement project stays within budget

Some unexpected late expenses pushed us over our budget. However, the net result for our members is a higher quality facility and less expenses down the road. Our reserve funds were adequate to cover the extra expenses.

Satisfactory completion of the audit and assurance of our financial controls

This is in process. I have been working closely with our new accountant who will also do our auditing to answer any and all questions and make sure that we are on the right track. I expect this to be completed in June. If any member would like to see a copy of it, I will gladly provide a PDF once it is finalized.

Getting the Belwood website back to an active state

This is completed. We will be regularly maintaining it and posting important information such as the Belringer, Key dates (such as Bingo Night), forms that you may need, etc. Please check it out and let us know what else you'd like to see on it. The URL is: <http://www.belwoodhomes.org>.

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

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MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE—SAT, JUNE 18, 10AM-11AM by Betty Jean Neebling

Just a reminder that there will be a food drive at the cabana this Saturday from 10-11am; please donate food to help the needy. A BIG THANK YOU to those who have participated by giving and helping.

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The most common theme coming back from the officials is that nothing is certain...yet! Guard posts around San Jose will be cut, guards will be reassigned, but I have been informed that no change will happen at our intersection until Jan. 2012. Our beloved guard Dorothy will continue to offer safe haven to the families making the trek across the Harwood and Blossom Hill Rd...at least for now.

So, what can you do? If your child uses the crossing at the intersections of Harwood and Blossom Hill Rd, I urge you to write to the local government officials and let them know that the community of Belwood needs a sanctioned crossing guard to assist in shepherding our youth across a very busy street. It should not be an option to cut such an important safety feature from our children's daily lives.

Voice your concerns to:

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City of San Jose , District 9
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CHRISTOPHER.MONAHAN@sanjoseca.gov

BELWOOD MENS GROUP STARTING By Robert Golter

To all the men of Belwood (18 and above), my name is Robert Golter and I have lived in Belwood for almost a year. My wife and I just had our first baby girl back on Feb. 11th and it's been a wonderful journey. I wanted to invite you to a weekly men's group. I've been a part of men's groups for the last 6 years and it has changed my life. I was thinking of starting an 8-week group and we would go through a book called "*Fathered by God*" written by John Eldredge. *Fathered by God* maps out the path of manhood—not another list of principles, but a sure path that men have followed for centuries before us. If you're interested in joining this group or if you have any questions, please call Robert at (408) 377-5625 or email me at robertgolter@yahoo.com. The group will start in the second week of September 2011 at the cabana club every Wednesday (except the first week of every month) from 6:30pm to 9:00pm.

BELWOOD DOLPHINS CARD GAMES FUNdraiser Night

Back by popular demand, please join us **Friday, June 24th** for our third 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. Plus, this year we've added Black Jack tables for those non-poker players. And, for those that have greater odds leaving things to chance, we'll also have a raffle drawing for some cool prizes.

When: Friday, June 24th

6:00 pm: Check-in Time & Cocktails
6:30 pm: Black Jack Table Opens
6:30-7:00pm: Texas Holdem Tutorial
7:00-8:30pm: Round 1 Texas Holdem
8:30-9:00pm: Intermission & Raffle
9:00-10:30pm: Round 2 Texas Holdem

Where: Belwood Cabana

Who: Belwood Dolphins' Swim Team Parents & Friends

Costs:

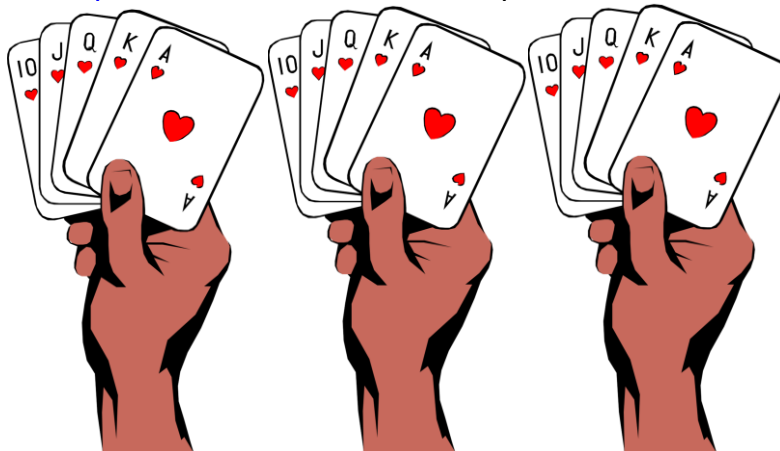
Prepaid entry fee of \$30/person for Texas Holdem initial buy-in. (\$20 for additional buy-ins at the event). Prepaid entry of \$20/person for Black Jack initial buy-in (additional chips available at event).

RSVP Deadline:

Spaces will be reserved on a first-come basis.

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.



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NEED HELP?

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Call: Roy Chadwick
356-5431

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<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, 408-356-4624 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.

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The next newsletter will be in September 2011. Please email articles to Jackie Sandoval (jackiefs@comcast.net) by **September 1, 2011.**