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EDITOR'S NOTE by Jackie Sandoval

Hi Belwood residents, just a short note from me. There's lots going on in this issue—**Gina Wagner has an update on summer jobs at the Cabana** for lifeguards, swim instructors, and a pool manager (see the article below this one on page 1); and if your child is a swimmer (or likes Dolphins), check out the **sign-up info for the Belwood Dolphins Swim Team (March 15 from 6:30pm-8pm at the Cabana)**—see page 2 for details). Of course, there's a lot more in this issue so get busy reading! (Comments to jackiefs@comcast.net)

BELWOOD IS HIRING LIFEGUARDS, SWIM INSTRUCTORS, AND POOL MANAGER by Gina Wagner

Belwood is now accepting applications for lifeguards, swim instructors, and pool manager. Come experience a summer full of sun, teamwork, and community! All positions are seasonal and part-time. Pool season begins May22 through September 6.

Desired Characteristics:

- Excellent customer services skills
- Professional demeanor, punctual, shift consistency, clean uniform
- Honesty, integrity, and a desire to be an active member of the lifeguard team
- Friendly with a positive attitude
- Must be able to work a flexible schedule both weekends and weekdays

Lifeguards, Swim Instructors and Pool Manager must have current certification in American Red Cross CPR and AED for the Professional Rescuer, Standard First Aid and Lifeguard Training. ****If you are not yet certified but are enrolled, or planning to enroll in a Lifeguard Training Class, you may apply and be hired upon the contingency that you pass your class. Don't wait to apply as positions are filling fast and space is limited.**

See application info on Page 2

BELWOOD DOLPHIN SWIM TEAM SIGN-UPS!!

Sign-ups for the 2010 season will be held at the Cabana on Mon, March 15 from 6:30pm-8:00pm. The team will be very full this year so you need to sign up on March 15 to secure your spot. All registration forms are available to download and print from the Belwood Dolphins website (www.belwooddolphins.com) Due to popular neighborhood demand, sign-ups will be for returning swimmers and Belwood residents ONLY. If there are spots open after registration night, we will take children from the wait list.

To be eligible for swim team, your child needs to be between the ages of 4-18 (age as of June 1), deep water safe, and able to complete one 25-yard lap of freestyle (doesn't need to be pretty) within 90 seconds. If you'd like more information, please visit the website: www.belwooddolphins.com or contact Katie Baguley (katiebaguley@yahoo.com) or Lenore Grant (lenoregrant@verizon.net). Hope to see you at sign-ups!

Save the date: The mandatory parent meeting will be Weds, April 21 from 7pm-8pm at the Cabana; mark your calendar (this is for parents ONLY).

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If you're interested in applying for any of the open positions, please fill out the lifeguard application at www.Belwoodhomes.org and mail to:

Belwood HOA
P.O. Box 1372
Los Gatos, CA 95031

For more information:
Please call Gina Wagner at (408) 358-2229 or email: wjlgwag@aol.com

TREASURER'S REPORT

By Dave Klenske

It's been a while since you've seen a Treasurer's Report in the Bellringer, so I hope I can quickly fill you in on our financial health.

We finished 2009 with about \$12K in net income, despite spending nearly \$40K in pool repairs at the beginning of the year. Our balance sheet showed over \$125K in reserves, the highest in many years and perhaps ever. At the January board meeting, we voted to add an additional \$30K of cash into that, for a total of \$155K in reserve funds. Our reserves will be used for upgrades and repairs, and should avoid the need to have any special assessments for homeowners in our neighborhood.

On a less positive note, we've had a few collection issues, which have meant that I've had to spend time working with outside agencies. The vast majority of homeowners pay their dues promptly, but a few are over a year behind. I'd like to remind everyone to contact me or another board member if they are having a problem making the dues payments. We really want to work with homeowners to eliminate the need to send anyone to collections.

For 2010, we have begun the planning to replace the pool deck, update the hardscape and landscaping, and upgrade the underground utilities. We expect to break ground on this project in the next few years, but are working on getting the plans in place so that we can get accurate quotes and determine how long the project will last. We intend to provide minimal disruption to homeowners and look forward to the changes. We're always looking for volunteers, so if you'd like to participate on a committee, we'd love to have you.

I look forward to seeing many of you at swim team events and at the cabana this spring and summer.

Until next time,

Dave Klenske
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To Pick Up or Not...that is the question..... NO IT'S NOT!!!
By Josh Lamour, Belwood HOA Director

Many Belwoodians have dogs; we do. Many Belwoodians walk their dogs in our neighborhood; we do. And MOST of us take plastic bags with us to pick up after our dog goes number #2, right? Apparently, this is not always the case. I'd like to think that it's not Belwood folks who are littering our streets, sidewalks, and lawns with dog poop, but I'm sure there have been a few of our own who have made the mistake of leaving home without a bag. (If that happens to you, just go home, grab a bag, hop on your bike, and go back to the scene of the crime... that's right, it IS a crime):

Los Gatos Sec. 4.10.070. Public nuisance.

(a) No person owning or having control of any animal shall permit the animal to do any of the following:

- (1) Defecate or urinate on private property (other than that of the owner or the person having control of the animal);
- (2) Defecate on public property without immediately removing the excrement to a proper receptacle;

This may seem like a tirade, but walking our streets shouldn't be a reenactment of the Normandy Beach invasion; avoiding land mines here and there. Just the other day on March 6, there was a huge pile of you-know-what in the middle of the street by Westhill and Belvue! I mean, come-on, in the middle of the street? Imagine driving over it, and then parking your car in the garage. Gross! Not to mention that the walk to Noddin along Harwood is often accompanied with: "Look out for the dog poop...watch your step!!" In fact, we've named the stretch between Bacigalupi and Jamie Ct. "Poop Alley". (There is even a sign there that says "No dog pooping!" These culprits probably don't live in our neighborhood, but come here to enjoy our quiet streets and scenic views (and poop on the sidewalk).

I think the message is clear—whether it's on a street, sidewalk, lawn, Belgatos Park, the Mulberry School field, or anywhere else, **PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET!** And feel free to remind your neighbors about the courtesy of picking up after their pet if they don't. It doesn't need to be confrontational, just a simple: "Hi, I have a plastic bag for you to pick that up" or "when you are finished with your walk, would you mind coming back and cleaning that mess up?"

To those of us who own dogs and do pick-up after them, KUDOS and keep up the good work!

Mulberry School Summer Camps



Mulberry School, located on Belgatos Rd, offers weekly camps for children age 3 through 6th grade. Come be a pirate, go camping, and have fun...all in your own neighborhood!

Bring in this ad and receive a "Good Neighbor" discount of 10% off one camp enrollment

Complete camp information and registration forms available at www.mulberry.org or call us at 408-358-9080.

Noddin Spring Fiesta—Saturday, March 27

On Saturday, March 27, 2010, the Noddin HSC will host its second *Spring Fiesta*, an adult event to include dinner, dancing and a live/silent auction. This community-wide event will help fund art materials, music instruction, library books, technology and even necessities as mundane as paper for our school. It will be a festive evening of fun, friends, and a shared commitment to our children's education. Auction items available in all price ranges, fun games held on outdoor patio area – *something for everyone!* Babysitting services available for a nominal fee.

Purchase your tickets for \$45 per person. Contact Randi Adams at randijorgadams@comcast.net or (408) 723-2835 for ticket information. For additional information, please visit our website at <http://www.noddinhsc.org/>

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

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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. \$165/night.
Call: Sal Leonardi 356-5205

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Fabulous, newly furnished Oahu
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 15 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! Thanks!! **Holly Nolan 358-
7324**

Babysitting Services

We are two sisters, Jenna (16 years old) and Andrea
Goeke (15 years old). We have babysitting experience
and would love to babysit your 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.**

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