

# BELWOOD BELRINGER

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## MEET OUR BELWOOD HOMES ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS



**Tom Martin – President**

My wife, Joyce, and I moved into the Belwood neighborhood in 1984, when I was a programmer in high tech, and Joyce was a teacher, raising our 1 ½ year old daughter, Amber. I transitioned into product management, and then teaching mathematics at the middle and high school levels. I am currently tutoring math a few hours a week. Our son, Jason, was born in 1986, and Joyce was a stay at home mom until he entered high school. She then returned to teaching at Alta Vista elementary school as a special education resource teacher. Amber and Jason are now both married, each raising children of their own. As empty nesters and retirees, Joyce and I are enjoying finding many ways to remain busy and productive. I have, with pleasure, served on the Belwood HOA Board for the past five years, the first four as Secretary, and now as President. We, the residents of Belwood, are a community in the truest sense of the word, with the cabana club providing both great service and a distinct character to our neighborhood.



**Lisa Goldberg**

I've lived in Belwood now for 8 1/2 years. We had been looking for houses and as soon as I saw my house, it wasn't the just house I loved, it was the neighborhood. I could tell that this neighborhood had a community presence which is what I needed. This is my second year on the Board. I am currently one of the Co-Presidents of the Belwood Dolphins swim team which keeps me and my 2 kids (12 and 9) busy in the summer. We have really enjoyed meeting new people each year and my kids love having the friendships that are built in this community. As it's been told to me many times, it's our "village".



**Rich Renati – Vice President**

I have lived in the Belwood neighborhood for 17 years. New the Board this year. I am grateful for the sense of community and the opportunities to meet my neighbors enabled by the Cabana. I spend a lot of time at the pool getting my laps in, interacting with the lifeguards, and chatting with the neighbors. Aside from my work in the Medical Device field, I enjoy spending time in the



**Scott House**

I have lived in Belwood for the last 11 years and have become passionate about improving the cabana for our kids and other Belwood community members. I have been a Board member for over 5 years. The pool is a big part of who I am since I always enjoyed water sports. I am married with 2 boys and 1 girl who all have really enjoyed the Cabana by hosting birthday

mountains with my family, cycling, swimming, and boating.

parties at the cabana, swim team or BBQing with friends and neighbors. In my spare time I enjoy skiing, surfing and mountain biking around the Santa Cruz mountains.



**Daniel Saban - Secretary**

We moved into the neighborhood in August 2011. This is my second year on the Belwood of Los

Gatos Homes Association Board of Directors and first year as secretary. My wife's name is Panteha and we have two young children. Next school year, our son Nicky will be entering 6th grade at Union Middle School and our daughter Ashley will be entering 4th grade at Noddin Elementary. Both kids are part of the Belwood Dolphins swim team and we try to be involved with as much of the local events as we can. The Belwood "neighborhood" is very unique and we feel very fortunate to be part of it.



**Lloyd Grant**

We have lived in the neighborhood 22 years. This is my 9th year on the Board. We were part of the

Belwood swim team for 14 years with 4 swimmers. The cabana helps make this neighborhood a community with events that are open for everyone. I enjoy the movie nights featuring Bingo Rich, the bocce courts, and hopping in the pool on hot day.



**Dave Klenske - Treasurer**

I have lived in Belwood since 2002 with my wife Julie and we are raising our three boys

in this wonderful community. I was elected to the Board in 2004 and became Treasurer in 2005, a position I have held since then. While not coaching my sons' baseball games, running the BBQ for the Belwood Dolphins or mountain biking in the hills above Los Gatos, I enjoy consumer technology, photography and traveling with my family around the world.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### *The club is ready for what promises to be a very active and fun Summer season!*

- The water is warm, and the lifeguards are on duty.

Facilities Manager Gina Wagner has worked diligently, and the pool is now open weekends, expanding to the full week schedule beginning Friday, June 8. Those who purchased access keys may now use the pool seven days a week between 6:00a and 10:00p. Make sure to familiarize yourself with the rules for key use.

- The basketball court awaits a friendly pick-up game.

Last year, Director Scott House installed beautiful new backboards and is now arranging to have the court re-striped. When the striping occurs, expect the courts to be unavailable for a day or two. Thanks in advance for your understanding.

- The bocce ball courts are open.

Bring your bocce gear and have a fun challenge with friends and neighbors. If you see Director Lloyd Grant, be sure to thank him for these beautiful courts, built by him and his team of volunteers.

- Check out the new online calendar for Summer activities and facilities rental availability.

Director Dave Klenske has created an online calendar detailing the facilities usage. The calendar includes Bingo/Movie nights, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July party, and other activities. It also includes facilities rentals. To rent the facility for a private event, first check availability using the calendar (<http://www.belwoodhomes.org/calendar.html>). If the calendar shows availability, send your rental request to [cabana@belwoodhomes.org](mailto:cabana@belwoodhomes.org).

- The Swim Team is prepared for a great season.

Director Lisa Goldberg, swim team co-President, has a full slate of 150 swimmers ready to do Belwood proud. The online calendar includes the dates of home swim meets. Come on down to the pool and cheer on your Belwood Dolphins.

### *Announcing a New Board Member*

I am pleased to announce that Richard Renati has been appointed to the Board, replacing Jeffrey Brown, who is relocating for his business. I want to thank Jeff for his service, and welcome Rich to the Board. Also, at the May Board meeting, Rich was elected Vice President.

### *Insurance Audit Completed*

In April, Director Saban completed his leading of a several months audit of the HOA's insurance coverage. Early in the process, the Board approved changing to a new agent who specializes in understanding and meeting HOA insurance needs. This audit was quite extensive, investigating our coverage against current legislative and regulatory

requirements, as well as general established coverage norms. Working with our new agent, significant changes were made to bring our coverage up to date, with no increase of our insurance premium costs. Thanks, Daniel!

### *Accounts Are Current*

I would be remiss if I did not also acknowledge the efforts of our Bookkeeper Cheryl Cooperrider. Thanks to Cheryl's tireless work, the HOA's books are in great order. Receipts are deposited; expenses are paid; financial audits are passed with flying colors. If the HOA were given a credit score, thanks to Cheryl's efforts, I have no doubt that score would be in the 800's.

### *Looking to the Future*

Your Board needs a volunteer to organize the Halloween Party. If you are interested, please contact Director Renati at [Richard.Renati@intusurg.com](mailto:Richard.Renati@intusurg.com).

Enjoy your Summer!

**- Tom Martin, President, Belwood Homes Association**

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Happy Summer! A short report this month, but wanted to give you a quick update of where we are at financially. Our income and expenses are roughly in line with year to date expectations. We have approximately \$186K in reserve funds and have not needed to draw on those this year. At the end of April, our checking account balance stood at \$140K. We have had less expenses this year, primarily driven by lower legal expenses (last year we were in the middle of getting the By-Laws vote prepared) along with lower expense for repairs and landscaping. So, year over year, we're about 8% better than last year. Again, it's a snapshot in time but as has been the case for many years, we have a lot of confidence in our annual budget and responsible spending. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the many summer activities (swim team, movie nights, 4th of July Party, etc.) that are scheduled over the summer. And if you ever have a question on anything, feel free to stop by any board meeting or email the board directly at [hoa@belwoodhomes.org](mailto:hoa@belwoodhomes.org).

**- Dave Klenske, Treasurer, Belwood Homes Association**

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### Being Secretary

This is my first year as secretary for the Board of the Belwood of Los Gatos Homes Association. I am only the 3rd secretary in over a dozen years. My predecessors, Tom Martin and Ed Sharpe, did a great job maintaining records and clarifying the job duties for a smooth transition.

The main responsibilities of the secretary are to record accurate Board meeting minutes, post member notices, and ensure the voting process is valid and fair.

Board meetings take place at 7:30 p.m. on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, unless there is a posted notice changing the date/time. Even though any Belwood member can attend a meeting, the approved minutes reflect what happened in the meeting.

The bulletin board next to the front gate of the Cabana is the official communication platform, supplemented by the HOA website (<http://www.belwoodhomes.org/hoa.html>) and email blasts. If you're curious, check out the bulletin board every month to read the upcoming agenda (posted 5 days in advance of the next meeting), the minutes of the last meeting, or get a hardcopy of the latest Belringer.

Any further questions or concerns about Board meetings should be directed to [hoa@belwoodhomes.org](mailto:hoa@belwoodhomes.org). Thank you.

**- Daniel Saban, Secretary, Belwood Homes Association**

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### *2018 Bingo and Movie Nights*

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. Bingo usually starts around 6:30 PM, the movie starts at sunset.

Be sure to bring some eats, some drinks, sleeping bags for the kids and blankets for the ground. We'll be selling popcorn and cotton candy. Donations are always appreciated!

The event is open to Belwood residents, Belwood Dolphins swim team members and their invited guests only.

Organizer- Bingo Rich

#### Dates:

**Tuesday, July 3**

Movie: Wonderwoman



**Friday, July 20**

Movie: TBD

**Saturday, August 11**

Movie: TBD

Check for future events and movie titles at <http://www.belwoodhomes.org/bingo.html>



### *4th of July Party- 2018*

#### Parade

**12:30 PM** – Meet at Mulberry School parking lot (220 Belgatos Rd)

**12:45 PM** – Begin parade

**1:00 PM** – End at Belwood cabana parking lot (100 Belwood Gateway)

Belwood children will kick off annual 4th of July celebration with a short parade between Mulberry School and the cabana. The kids should decorate their bikes, scooters or wagons to start the fun!

#### Party at the Cabana

**Wednesday, July 4 1:00 – 5:00 PM**

Bring your Pop-up, snacks, and sunscreen for a fun day of games and events for all. We'll have our Snow Cones, Cotton Candy and Popcorn, and the coals will be fired up on the grills so you can BBQ your food.

We'll also have things such as a Jumpy House, Water Balloon toss, and Pie Eating contest.

Be sure to cheer on the Belly Flop contest, a favorite for years. And as always, we'll have music to pump up the volume!

## POOL AND SWIM TEAM



### 2018 Pool Schedule

Pool opened for key holders only, starting April 13, 2018.  
 Lifeguards begin May 26, weekends only, 1:00 -7:00 PM.  
 Daily lifeguards begin June 8 from 1:00 – 7:00 PM.



### Belwood Dolphins Swim Team

Swim team has officially started! We are very excited that we have a full roster of 150 swimmers ready to take on the

Cabana League. Starting 6/12 our swimmers will be practicing daily from 7:30-11:00a at the Cabana. If you would like to come and cheer on your Dolphins, you are more than welcome to come to the Cabana for our home meets.

- 6/2 - Silver Creek @ Belwood
- 6/16 - Almadan @ Belwood
- 7/7 - Montevideo @ Belwood

More information can be found at [www.belwooddolphins.com](http://www.belwooddolphins.com) or you can email Lisa Goldberg at [lisag0001@gmail.com](mailto:lisag0001@gmail.com). Go Dolphins!

### Belwood Dolphins FUNdraiser – Adult Card & Poker Night June 16, 2018 5:30 – 10:30pm

Back by popular demand, and open to all Belwood Residents and friends, please join us for our 10th 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 help keep Belwood Dolphins’ membership affordable and help with

replacing and upgrading equipment.

**There will also be a raffle drawing for some cool prizes including two tickets to a SJ Sharks game and a 3-night stay in a house in Truckee!**

#### 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).

Non-players - \$10 games, music, plus 1 beverage ticket.

For all parents that want to support the swim team, but don’t like cards, please come down to the cabana for outdoor games for those wanting to play, Bocce Ball, or to just chill out, socialize, and listen to DJ Cam mix it up!

#### RSVP Deadline:

Spaces will be reserved on a first-come basis. Please sign up on Team Unify or email one of the contacts below

- Shannon Beck at [kharmagal@yahoo.com](mailto:kharmagal@yahoo.com)
- Lisa Goldberg at [lisag0001@gmail.com](mailto:lisag0001@gmail.com)



## COMMUNITY BOARD

### *Monthly Events*

#### [Belwood Homeowners Board Meeting](#)

Open to all Belwood members - Cabana Club - 7:30 pm, third Tuesday of the month unless a **change** is posted on the bulletin board.

#### [Cabana Club Schedule](#)

Gina Wagner: 408.358.2229

#### [Santa Clara Valley Mineral /Gem Society](#)

Fourth Tuesday of the month. Please call Kathy McChristian (Junior Program) 408.258.8400 or Frank Mullaney 408.266.1791

#### [Middle School/High School Math Tutor](#)

California Mathematics Single-Subject Teaching Credential Belwood Resident since 1984 Tom Martin: 408.656.4017

### *Community Ads*

#### [Music Lessons](#)

Looking for a music teacher for your children or yourself? GREAT teacher just moved near your home. Claudia just moved to Belwood, she holds a Master in Music from the Geneva Conservatory of Music. She has more than 20 years of experience teaching piano, recorder, ear training and theory to children and adults.

She also trains with great success students wanting to take the London Royal Academy ABRSM Music test.

For more information please send to:

[cgantivar@yahoo.com](mailto:cgantivar@yahoo.com), and visit

[www.claudiagantivar.com](http://www.claudiagantivar.com).

#### [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](mailto:gailbordi@yahoo.com)

#### [Guest Speaker](#)

Betty Auchard is an author and speaker. She lives in the Belwood neighborhood and is available as a guest speaker. You can email her at [btauchard@aol.com](mailto:btauchard@aol.com) or check out her website or current blog: [bettyauchard.com](http://bettyauchard.com).

## YMCA Adventure Guides

Meetings occur monthly at the Belwood Cabana.



### The Big Bear Expedition Invites you to join the YMCA Adventure Guides

Fun and bonding time for you and your K-5th grade son(s) can be yours. Join us for the 2018/2019 season of activities including: beach camping, rock climbing, disc golf, SJSU football, pinewood derby, sleepovers on ships and at aquariums and more...



#### What is YMCA Adventure Guides?

The YMCA Adventure Guides program is designed to assist you and your son on your

journey of discovery. While activities with the whole family are important, we see tremendous value in supporting and strengthening the ability of a father and son to communicate at an early age in ways that are caring, honest, respectful, and responsible. We seek to encourage you as a parent to "get to know your kid while your kid is still a kid."

YMCA Adventure Guides is designed for dads and sons to participate together for most activities. As part of the Redwood Circle, you participate in activities to explore family values, nature, friendships, and fun!

#### Who Can Participate?

YMCA Adventure Guides is for fathers (or father figures) and their sons ages 5 through 11. An adult and child must attend program activities.

together as a pair. In the YMCA Adventure Guides, the father is the Guide, and the child is the Explorer.

#### Come and Join Us!

Contact The Big Bear Scout: [Matt Quadro](mailto:Matt.Quadro)  
Cell: 408-398-4522  
Email: [matthewquadro@gmail.com](mailto:matthewquadro@gmail.com)



Want to know more about the YMCA?

Wondering if there is a similar group for girls?

Contact the Southwest YMCA at:  
408-370-1877  
13500 Quito Road  
Saratoga, CA 95070

## Rentals

### 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.

### OAHU LUXURY TOWNHOME

Fabulous, luxuriously 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: [www.koolinahome.com](http://www.koolinahome.com)

### SOUTH LAKE TAHOE RENTAL

Beautiful home for rent: 2 BR + Den, 2 BA, 1600 sq ft, sleeps 6. Large open concept living/dining room, fabulous views, spa tub, fireplace, wifi, close to lake, heavenly, casinos. Pets considered. For details go to:

<http://www.vrbo.com/451904>

## EDITORS' NOTES

### *Summer's here!*

"CAR"! I love living in a neighborhood where I hear that word as I drive by! It means that our kids are playing outside. Schools are out, or nearly so, so we at the Belringer would like to remind you to slow down, watch, and listen for kids playing outside. Happy summer everyone!

### *Community Pride*



Thank you so much, **Nathan Viskovich and Kylie Hansen!** Due to your leadership, perseverance, and organizational skills, Belwood finally has a beautiful entrance to the community! If you haven't seen our wonderful entry median yet, please go by and check it out. Challenged by their English teacher at Leigh HS to make an impact, Nathan and Kylie convinced the City of Los Gatos to install a drip system in the median. They then found a neighbor who is a master gardener, our own Tamiko House, to help them work out a drought tolerant planting plan. Fundraising for the plants came next. (High fives to those of you who donated to their campaign!) They weeded the planting bed and prepped it for planting. Finally, on May 26, they held a planting party (high fives to those of you who attended!) and installed the beautiful landscape we now have as the entrance to our wonderful community. We so appreciate the work you put into this project and suspect you will both do well as you head off to college next year.



*We encourage all who would like to volunteer for any event during 2018, to contact [hoa@belwoodhomes.org](mailto:hoa@belwoodhomes.org)*

The purpose of this newsletter is to inform the Belwood neighborhood about board news, community events, offer free advice, and advertise skills and rental postings. If you would like to see something in a future Belringer, please send relevant information to the Editorial Board at [hoa@belwoodhomes.org](mailto:hoa@belwoodhomes.org)