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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I sincerely hope that all of you had a great summer! It feels strange to say that, because, according to my calendar, we still have a month of summer remaining. However, school for most students is back in session, and that more than anything drives the change in seasons for our HOA.

It was a very busy summer at the club. I hope you and your family were able to partake in one or more of our activities. There are still more to come, so check the HOA web site calendar for future events.

Specific items to highlight:

- Through all of September, the pool will be open to all members on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00p to 7:00p with lifeguards on duty. Those with after hours access keys may use the pool any day from 6:00a to 10:00p, subject to the key use rules. Weather permitting, the pool will remain available to key holders into October. We will announce the formal pool closure on both the web site and the parking lot bulletin board.
- The Board wants to meet you! On Sunday, September 16, from 4:00p to 6:00p, come to the club for our first annual *Bocce Ball with the Board*. Your Board members will be there to join you in a friendly game of bocce ball. As with any cabana event, it will be BYOB (bring your own beverage). Mark your calendars!
- The Board is hosting this year's Halloween party. Watch the HOA web site for details. If you would like to assist us, please contact Vice President Rich Renati.
- We have had requests from retirees that the cabana room rental fees be reduced during school hours. This would be to accommodate book clubs, small study groups, Bridge groups, etc. At its July meeting, the Board approved a special rental rate of \$25.00 for groups of 12 or fewer, available during hours that local schools are in session. If you are interested in a one-time or regular room rental, please submit your request through the HOA website.
- Applications for 2019 Board of Directors candidates are due by the September 18 Board meeting. See Secretary Saban's report for details on how to apply. All seven members of this year's Board are running, so we have a full slate and are not actively seeking new candidates. However, if you would like to run, feel free to apply. In addition, we would like to hear from you. If you feel we are not addressing something that is important to you, please make us aware of it.

Lastly, I would like to thank our general membership for making Belwood such a great community. Except for a small number of paid positions, we are run completely by volunteers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few. This Belringer newsletter is edited by three dedicated volunteers: Tona Kamdar, and John and Renai Fitzpatrick. Jim Bowen, former Board President, monitors neighborhood home sales and coordinates with realtors and title companies regarding HOA matters. Lastly, it is Rich Dobner who makes our bingo and movie nights possible. A special thanks to you all!

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month, and we welcome you to drop in anytime.

- Tom Martin, President, Belwood Homes Association

TREASURER'S REPORT

Your board has had a busy summer keeping the facility running smoothly. It's our high demand season, and there's always something that needs attention, repair, or a little organization to make the fun happen.

Unlike business and governments, we are not looking for growth in our organization or budget. We work hard to responsibly predict costs, lower expenses as possible, and make sure you have a safe, attractive facility to enjoy. In the predicting costs standpoint, we work hard on our annual reserve study and budget, both of which were passed for the 2019 calendar year. The great news is that we are not planning a dues increase for 2019 and still expect to contribute the necessary amount to our reserve funds. As I look at my utility bills and taxes, we are a standout in keeping fees down. As far as lowering expenses, this past year we were able to reduce our insurance expenses while increasing coverage, and lowered our internet monthly fees. And we are currently working with vendors to repair the damaged fiberglass lining in the kids pool to make sure little feet are protected when they splash around. All of this happens through your volunteer board, all of whom have a passion for this special place called Belwood.

I plan to be at the Bocce with the Board event in September. Looking forward to seeing you there!

- Dave Klenske, Treasurer, Belwood Homes Association

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Pursuant to the by-laws updated in 2017, the number of Board members remains at seven. There will still be the same four officers, elected by the Board at the meeting on 1/15/2019: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The slate of candidates for your 2019 Board of Directors will be set at the Board's meeting on 9/18/2018.

If you are interested in serving on the Board, you must declare your candidacy by midnight, Monday, September 17th. Declaring candidacy is easy. Simply click on this [link](#), fill out the form, and return it to hoa@belwoodhomes.org.

To be eligible to serve on the Board, you must be a Class A member in good standing (i.e., you have paid your annual dues). Multiple owners of one property are eligible to hold only one Board seat, and owners of multiple properties are likewise eligible to hold only one Board seat. If there is a contested election, ballots will be mailed late September and counted at the Board meeting on 11/20/2018.

- Daniel Saban, Secretary, Belwood Homes Association

SWIM TEAM, POOL, BASKETBALL COURT

Belwood Dolphin Swim Team - A Great Season



The swim team season has completed and it was a great year all around for our swimmers and families!

The Dolphins won 3, lost 2 during the Dual Meet Season
We placed 2nd in Champs! (Champs is all 6 cabanas)

Records Broken:

- Ayla Burke * - Butterfly, Backstroke and Freestyle
- Sarah Applebaum * - Butterfly
- Luke Kalynij - Breaststroke
- Ronin Tyrrell - Butterfly, Backstroke, and Freestyle, League Record in Butterfly

(*) means they are in the HOA

We send a fond farewell to our swimmers who aged out this year: Charles Bagueley, Kelley McCarroll, Zach House & Ashley Bills.

Mark your calendars! Registration for next year's swim season opens 2/1/2019.

Champs for next year is 7/20/2019. (You must be present at Champs to be on the team.)

Please enjoy this fantastic end-of-year video created by Belwood's own Josh Bills and Panteha Sabin which highlights the spirit of our Dolphin Team.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKbEEugg09I&feature=youtu.be>

Pool Schedule

The pool will have lifeguards on weekends only for all members to enjoy the facility through the end of September. Of course, Labor Day Weekend will be staffed all three days.

Basketball Court

Basketball courts were renovated in time for the Summer fun. Last year both backboards, hoops and nets were upgraded. Special thanks go out to Belwood local residents Mike Viskovich and Lloyd Grant to help install the new backboards.

This Summer we completed the court with new striping which matches the Belwood yellow and blue colors. Our goal for the club is to address fun and fitness of Belwood residents of all ages, so come on down for a full court game of 5-on-5, ½ court game of 3-on-3 or just a friendly game of horse with friends and family.

The courts are open year around to any HOA member with a key to the facility.

- Scott House, Director, Belwood Homes Association



BELWOOD EVENTS

Bocce with the Board



Bocce with the Board
September 16, 4:00 -6:00 pm
BYOB (Bring your own Beverage)

Come meet and bowl a game with your Board Members!
Ask questions, meet some of your neighbors, and learn about what the Belwood Board is all about.
Bring your own snacks and beverages.

Belwood Halloween Party

We need volunteers to lead our 2018 Halloween party! Director Rich Renati is heading up the party, please contact him directly via [EMAIL](#) (click the link). The more help we get, the better this event will be!!



Calling all spooks and goblins! Dust off your costumes—the Belwood Halloween party is coming your way with frightful Halloween fun.

DATE: Sunday, October 28, 2018 at the Cabana

Here are the spooky details:
3:30pm: Games (and prizes) on the Cabana lawn
5:00 pm: Pizza Served
6:00 pm: Movie starts
6:00 pm: End of Party & Clean-up

We will have all your favorite games (powdered donuts, anyone?), and drinks for sale. Admission is free, but donations are gladly accepted (and needed!)

The party is open to Belwood residents and their invited guests only.

Neighborhood Holiday Boutique



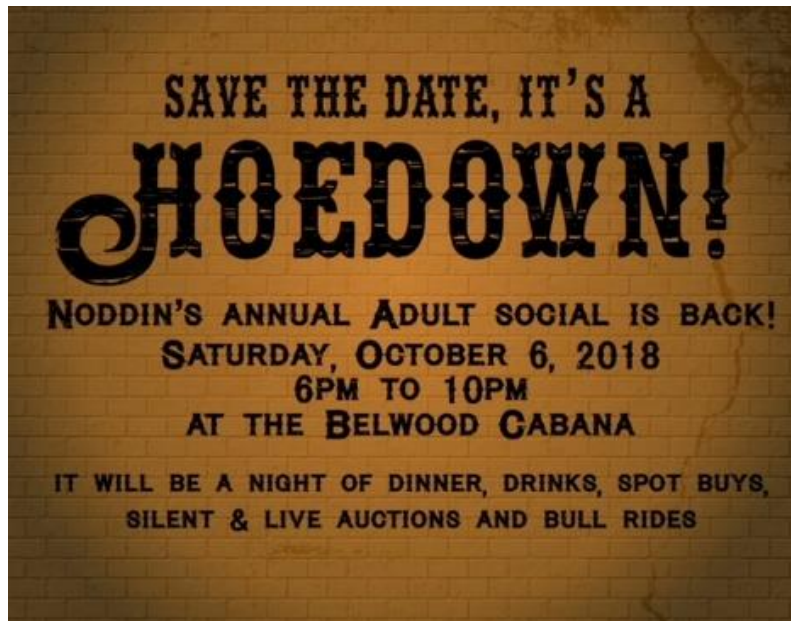
Save the Date! Saturday, November 10, 2018 10:00 am – 6:00 pm at the Cabana

Come meet your neighbors and shop for thoughtfully made gifts.

Are you a crafter or maker of handmade items? Would you like an opportunity to sell and display your wares? Belwood member Sandra Miller is organizing a Holiday Boutique and vendor spots are still available. Contact her at glittermoose11@gmail.com, or register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/eTl6yjDgRLFW5XC2>

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Noddin's Annual Adult Social



UMS Sports Boosters 2018 Bid and Boogie Oktoberfest

UNION MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS
BOOSTERS PRESENT
2018 BID AND BOOGIE



Oktoberfest

WHEN: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH
WHERE: BELWOOD CABANA 7-10 PM
WHO: ALL UMS PARENTS PAST, PRESENT AND
FUTURE

TICKETS: \$30 UP TO SEPTEMBER 21ST
TICKET PRICES GO UP TO \$40 SEPTEMBER 22ND UP TO
THE EVENT

COME FOR A FUN ADULT ONLY EVENING OF FOOD,
DRINK AND MUSIC AND HELP SUPPORT THE UMS
SPORTS PROGRAM!

GET INVOLVED! WE NEED HELP WITH THE EVENT SET
UP, TICKETS SALES, AUCTION ITEMS, CHECK IN...AND
MUCH MORE!

CONTACT KRIS SUZUKI KAHSUZUKI@COMCAST.NET OR
GRETCHEN GABRIEL GRETCHENGABRIEL@COMCAST.NET

Daylight Savings Time



**Sunday, November 4, 2018 at
2:00 am PST**

Recipe – Grill Time!

It's Labor Day Grill Time! Will also taste great on pork chops, rack of lamb, or salmon.



Coffee and Brown Sugar Crusted Skirt Steak

¼ c finely ground espresso (not instant)

¼ c dark brown sugar, firmly packed

1 ½ t kosher salt

1/8 t ground cinnamon

1/8 t ground ginger

1/8 t ground white pepper

1/8 t 5 spice powder

pinch cayenne pepper

1 T olive oil

2 ½ lb. skirt steak, cut into 4 pcs

Heat grill to high. Combine all dry ingredients into a bowl. Remove steak from fridge and let come to room temp, about 15 minutes. Rub steak with oil, and sprinkle with rub. Massage rub into meat.

Grill until charred and medium rare, 2-4 minutes per side. Transfer to a cutting board, cover with foil, and let rest for 5 minutes before thinly slicing at an angle. Serve immediately.

Y Adventure Guides



The Redwood Circle Invites you to join the Y Adventure Guides

Year-round fun for K-5th grade boys and their dads can be yours. Some recent activities included beach camping, rock climbing, laser tag, Los Gatos Holiday Parade, Pinewood Derby, sleepover on an aircraft carrier and summer BBQ's.

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 other significant male adults in the children's lives) and their sons ages five through eleven. 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!**

We meet at the Belwood Cabana Club the **Third Thursday** of each month at 7 PM between September and May.

Location: Belwood Cabana, 100 Belwood Gateway, Los Gatos, CA 95032

For more information, contact: Matt Quadro (408) 398-4522 qbug25@yahoo.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

Y Adventure Guides

For dads and boys in K-5. Meets at the Cabana the Third Thursday of each month at 7 PM. Contact is Matt Quadro at 408.398.4522

2017 Real Estate Report for Belwood, Belgatos, Surmont & Nearby

The Belwood of Los Gatos, Belgatos, Surmont, and contiguous neighborhoods in east Los Gatos saw strong appreciation in 2017 with a low amount of available real estate inventory and high buyer demand. More information at BelwoodOfLosGatos.com.

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, and visit 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

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 or check out her website or current blog: bettyauchard.com.

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

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>

EDITOR'S NOTES

School's in Session

Our kids are back to school, so we at the Belringer would like to remind you to slow down, watch, and listen for kids walking, bicycling, or crossing on their way to and back from school.

Happy Thanksgiving!



We encourage all who would like to volunteer for any event during 2018, to contact 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