
BELWOOD BELLRINGER

Volume 2 Issue 1

March 2009

2009 Board of Directors

President	John Bills 358-3027
Treasurer	Dave Klenske 356-9768
Secretary	Ed Sharpe 358-7661
Director	Roy Chadwick 356-5431
Director	Behnam Ahmadian 356-5276
Director	Josh Lamour 221-7813
Director	Todd Harris 358-2229
Director	Scott Sullivan 356-3503
Director	Steve Miller
Facility Mgr	Gina Wagner 358-2229

Inside:

Page 2: Swim team sign-ups; HOA annual meeting; other news

Page 3: Pres. Message (continued from page 1)

Page 4: Trail map; Facility Report

Page 5: Belwood Police Blotter

Page 6: Ads

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 the cabana pool renovation (page 4) and if your child is a swimmer (or likes Dolphins), check out the sign-up info for the Belwood Dolphins Swim Team (sign-ups are March 18—see page 2 for details). Of course, there's lots more in this issue so get busy reading! (Comments to jackiefs@comcast.net)

*******BOARD'S MESSAGE*****By John Bills**

We're into another great year at the Cabana and I wanted to bring you up to date on some of the key things going on since the last Bellringer issue.

Election Results – The 9th Slot

As of the printing of the December Bellringer, the 2009 Board of Directors election results were incomplete. Eight Directors were on the slate for nine seats and after a long and hard campaign, each received enough votes to secure a position. The remaining board position was to be selected from a number of write-in candidates, all having received an equal number of votes.

Upon completion of the write-in candidate process in early January, the board is pleased to announce that Steve Miller agreed to fill the 9th seat. Steve is a welcome addition and he's already made a valuable contribution to the team. We enjoy his music, too. (psst... it's not THAT Steve Miller....) Officers were selected in the regular January meeting and are listed on the left among the other Board members.

Swimming Pool Update

Last year, the interior surface of the pool at the cabana was found to be delaminating in a number of areas on the pool floor as well as the sides. What is delamination? I personally thought it had something to do with removing fur from a small sheep. ☺ The pool is constructed with a reinforced concrete shell that has a layer of fiberglass like material that's applied to the interior surface. **Cont. page 3**

BELWOOD DOLPHIN SWIM TEAM SIGN-UPS!!

Sign-ups for the 2009 season will be held at the Cabana on Weds, March 18 from 6:30pm-8:00pm. The team will be very full this year so you need to sign up on March 18 to secure your spot. 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 Jackie Sandoval (jackiesandoval@live.com) or Katie Baguley (katiebaguley@yahoo.com). Hope to see you at sign-ups!

Noddin Home & School Club News

Mark your calendar for upcoming Noddin HSC events. Also check out our web site for more details at <http://www.noddinhsc.org/index.html>

March 28, 2009 *Spring Fiesta* – The History Club of Los Gatos

April 1, 2009 Dining Out – Willow Street, Los Gatos

April 25, 2009 Texas Hold'em – Belwood Cabana

May 4, 2009 Dining Out – Giorgio's

May 16, 2009 Martini Madness – Calvin & Tina Lee's home

May 29, 2009 Spring Faire, Noddin

June 5, 2009 Movie Night, Noddin's outdoor theatre

Spring Fiesta: A casual adult event to include dinner, dancing and a live/silent auction. Additionally, there will be fun games on the outdoor patio, Karaoke, Cárcel your friend/family member (pay or sing to get out of jail), wine tasting from local winery – *something for everyone!* This community-wide event will help raise funds to replace the computers and software in our Media Center. Contact Julie Labosky for ticket information at julielabosky@comcast.net.

2009 Annual Member Meeting

Pursuant to the bylaws, the 2009 annual meeting of the association will be held at 8:00 PM on the third (3rd) Tuesday of May at the Cabana (May 19th). The agenda will include introduction of board members, review of board goals for 2009, review of association finances, and facility status and plans for 2009.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By John Bills (continued from page 1)

This laminated surface has been separating from the concrete shell in many spots, creating a bubble between the laminate and the concrete shell.

This by itself is not necessarily a problem, however, if one of the bubbles cracks, the resulting edge in the crack would be very sharp, posing a safety issue for swimmers. Since safety is the number one priority, the board unanimously approved to have the pool's interior surface relaminated.

The pool was drained in mid-January and the relamination project is still underway. The rain has caused some delay but most of the prepwork is complete. Once the weather improves, the new lamination will be installed and the pool will be refilled. One significant benefit for residents who use the pool to swim laps is that the lane lines at the bottom of the pool will be replaced by black tile (already installed) vs. the former painted version that was subject to fading from the sun.

Irrigation

The Board is currently looking at replacing the irrigation system at the Cabana. You don't need to be a regular visitor during the summer to notice areas of the lawn that don't receive enough water and other places that receive so much water that it would be possible to host a tractor pull. The current placement of the sprinkler heads is sub-optimal and the system itself is a patchwork of mixed material and needs regular repair to patch leaks.

We are seeking multiple bids for this project so we can assess costs vs. benefit. The primary goal in replacing the irrigation system is to achieve optimal water placement such that the landscape (the lawn in particular) is better maintained using significantly less water (lower water bill) while needing very little repair or maintenance (happy Facility Manager).

Volunteers

In closing, I want to remind everyone that this is a 100% volunteer organization from the Board level to planners, organizers, and set-up and take-down crews of the various events hosted at the Cabana. We will be reaching out to our neighbors again this year to help pull these events together. I heard someone mention an old Proverb last year when setting up the Halloween Party: "Many hands make light work". Please pitch in to help our organizers make the events they coordinate as successful as they can be. A mere 30 minutes of your time to help setup or tear down makes a huge difference. Lastly, if you have thoughts on new activities that you think might be great for the Cabana Club, let your Board know.

TRAIL MAP FOR BELGATOS PARK ON GOOGLE

By Jim Handy

Over the past few years I have written a few articles for the Bellringer about the fantastic system of trails right in our back yard. This was motivated by the fact that there was no map for the lovely trail complex that runs through Belgatos Park and the Santa Rosa and Heintz Open Spaces.

I recently found that Google Maps provides a way to add to overlay sketches onto their maps and then to share them with others. I have used this feature to map out all the trails in our neighborhood - including the new trails on the other side of the hill that run from the top of Harwood down to Shannon Road.

To find this trail map go to: <http://tinyurl.com/Belgatos1>. You will find a link that connects directly to the maps.

Please let me know if anything on this map needs revision.

FACILITY MANAGER'S REPORT: POOL RENOVATION

By Gina Wagner

Swim season is just around the corner and I would like to inform all of you of what we have been doing to the Belwood pool. It has been almost ten years since the pool had been fiber glassed and it was starting to show severe wear. Also, the Santa Clara County Health Department contacted the association and informed the board that in order to open the pool this year we needed to upgrade the pool with the latest anti-entrapment devices. The fiberglass is now being replaced and the devices will be installed by a certified pool contractor. The pool should be complete within the next couple of weeks (pending weather).

We will open the pool for key holders on April 24. Keys will be dropped off sometime before the 24th.

If you have any questions please, contact me at 358-2229.

See you at the pool!!!

Gina Wagner
Facility Manager

BELWOOD POLICE BLOTTER

By Josh Lamour, Board of Directors Belwood HOA

Last August, we were reminded about the safety of our neighborhood and how we can all help contribute by bringing items out of our car, closing garage doors, taking in the papers and garbage when our neighbors were out of town. We did a great job to make a difference. It appears that car burglars who smash the windows of cars and grab whatever is inside have again targeted our neighborhood. The weekend of 2/14, there were 3 reported car break-in incidents all on one day. As you read the paper and hear the news on TV or radio, you know that these are desperate times for many individuals. Obtaining an iPod, iPhone, GPS system, or Game boy can mean easy cash on the street.

Generally, we live in VERY safe neighborhood and are very lucky to have the community we do; where most people know each other, can borrow a cup of sugar from a neighbor, or ladder, etc. However, it may be this "comfort bubble" that criminals can feel and know how to use our comfort and "safe feeling" to their advantage.

To be one step ahead of the desperate criminals out there, let's remind ourselves that although Belwood is a VERY safe area, we still need to be aware of our surroundings and take precautions to protect our property and that of our neighbors.

Please remember to close your garage doors and lock your car doors and your front doors. Don't leave iPhones, iPods, computers, or anything of value in your car. If you are going on vacation, tell neighbors to keep an eye on things, don't let papers pileup in the driveway (oops...we were guilty of that during Ski Week—thanks to whoever helped hide the papers!), and take your garbage cans off the street (or have a friend or neighbor help out). These little things can make a big difference in deterring criminals from targeting your home.

Most importantly, if you see something or someone who shouldn't be where they belong or are doing something that you think isn't safe or healthy for our neighborhood or local park, always feel free to report it to the **LGMSPD at: 408-354-8600 (24-hour non-emergency)**. Of course if the situation dictates, call 911. Additional information relating to crime statistics in the Belwood Homes area can be located at: <http://www.crimereports.com>

We're the eyes and ears of our Belwood Community. Let's work together to keep our neighborhood friendly and safe!

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

KAUAI CONDO:

Kapaa Kauai Hawaii Condo for 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

OAHU LUXURY TOWNHOME:

Fabulous, newly 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:
<http://www.koolinahome.com>

NOTARY SERVICES

By appointment- no travel fees within Belwood, \$10 per signature per document (according to CA fee schedule)

Georgia Ricco
Home: 358-3482
Cell: 206-1978
thericcos@comcast.net

FREE Metal Recycling

Appliances, Engine Blocks, Wire. Any Metal, Free Pickup and Hauling
S.L. Ross Transport and Salvage
408-235-9800

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.**

Stamping & Paper Crafts

Explore your own creativity or shop for holiday gifts for your crafty friends & family. Kristy Johnson, Stampin' Up! Demonstrator, offers stamp classes, parties, products and is always happy to answer stamping questions & brainstorm project ideas.
For more information, visit Kristy's Stampin' Up! site at: <http://www.kristy.stampinup.net>
You can also see some of her stamp projects on her blog: <http://www.stampgarage.blogspot.com>

The next newsletter will be in JUNE 2009. Please email articles to Jackie Sandoval (jackiefs@comcast.net) by **June 1, 2009.**