

BELLA BELVEDERE

Newsletter

City Changes

by Mike Fuson, Interim City Manager

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It was an eventful summer at City Hall; witness the fact that the introduction to the Fall Bella Belvedere Newsletter is written by your interim manager. While holding down the fort at City Hall I've had a chance to get to know and work with a team of highly competent, experienced and dedicated City employees. The commitment of your City staff to public service has made my time in Belvedere a professional pleasure and, more importantly, has maintained a high standard of service for the Belvedere community during a time of significant organizational change.

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With lots of change in the air, the City Council conducted a goal-setting workshop on August 13 to provide guidance to the organization. The Council identified the following six key priorities to be addressed over the next several months:

- 1. Hire a permanent city manager.** Approximately 30 applications were received by the October 8 deadline and are being screened. Interviews with finalists will take place in November. The City Council, assisted by a citizens' committee, expects to select the new manager by the end of the year.
- 2. Consider options for providing building official services.** In September, the City Council opted to hire a full-time City employee rather than contracting out for building official services. Recruiting is underway for someone to administer the City's building permit, code enforcement and flood plain management programs.
- 3. Review pension issues.** By the end of the year, a report will be provided to Council on pensions. This review will include an assessment of the impact of the pension reform bill adopted near the end of the legislative session in Sacramento.

We expect to have clean-up legislation to clarify the meaning of some of the provisions of this law. Litigation is also probable.

4. Investigate ways to simplify the design review and planning process. A report and recommendation from the Planning Commission will be prepared by the end of the year. Policy changes will likely be considered for adoption by the Council in 2013.

5. Address FEMA flood mapping issues as they affect West Shore Road. Council directed that efforts to clarify and resolve these issues for residences on West Shore Road be incorporated, to the extent possible, by the Citizens' Flood Zone Committee, which has been focusing on FEMA's impact to Lagoon properties.

6. Conduct public outreach to improve public engagement with the City. Council directed that as a matter of ongoing policy, the City look for ways to build on our existing public information programs (e.g., this newsletter, electronic news flashes) to provide information on City programs and issues and to encourage greater public involvement.



—Mike Fuson,
Interim City Manager



Task Force Tackling Traffic on Tiburon Boulevard

Now that school has started again, everyone is aware of the slow traffic on the peninsula. Mayor Sandy Donnell, Interim City Manager Mike Fuson, and I have been working with our counterparts in the Town of Tiburon to discuss the problem and solutions. In addition to the City and Town members, others involved in the discussion there are representatives from Reed School District and St. Hilary's school, Reed PTA, Marin Transit, and Safe Routes to Schools. The Community Action to Reduce Traffic (CART) has been meeting since December 2011. The committee has conducted a survey of Reed and St. Hilary parents, discussed busing options with bus providers, and has looked at other Bay Area communities for ideas. Many options are being evaluated including a tram or shuttle system, an overpass at Trestle Glen to alleviate crosswalk traffic, and creating a more efficient "drop off" area at Reed school.

Traffic counts were conducted in August (before school started) and then again the second week of September. The number of vehicles on Tiburon Boulevard during the beginning and end of the school day was significantly higher than the rest of the day. A community meeting was held on September 20, 2012, to present findings and encourage ideas from citizens. Attendees shared their experiences of walking and biking to school from Belvedere Island.



We encourage parents to support walking and biking to school to decrease traffic and increase children's health.

Wendi Kallins, program director for **Safe Routes to School**, is happy to consult with you (email: wendi@marinbike.org). Visit: www.saferoutestoschool.org/about.html for details.

—Tricia Seyler, Police Chief

Pine Avenue Utility Underground Project Is Moving Forward



In December 2010, the City Council approved the formation of the Pine Avenue Underground District. The district includes more than 32 properties on Pine Avenue, Golden Gate Avenue and Belvedere Avenue.

After engineering design work was completed, the engineer's estimate for the project was \$600,000. In May 2012, four contractors bid on the 2,000-linear-foot underground project. Michael Paul Company submitted the lowest bid at \$639,235. At the August 2012 Council meeting, ballots were counted from residents of the district. More than 80% of the ballots received were in favor of the project, and the Council awarded the contract.

Work started in October. The contractor has 120 days to complete the project. The work will require that certain roads be closed during construction. Roads may be closed Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Please watch for signs of construction when traveling in or around the area.

Find out in advance about road closures in the City by signing up for Public Works News Flashes on the City's website. Go to www.cityofbelvedere.org and click on the "Notify Me" icon. 

Subscribe to the City of Belvedere Public Works News for all the latest on road closures information and other timely news bulletins.

—Scott Derdenger, Public Works Manager



Above: Linda Beisel and her two-month-old twins and Marissa Tingus and dog Teddy enjoy the day.

Sign Up for E-Notifications

Did you know the City's website has a wealth of information about City services, public meetings, community events, maps, emergency preparedness, planning and building activity, recreation, and police and fire notices? You can access all of this and more from the City's home page at www.cityofbelvedere.org.



To subscribe to the City's weekly E-Newsletter or any of the News Flashes, enter your email address and select **Sign In**. If you want to receive text messages, enter your phone number and select **Save**. Then click  (for email) and/or  (for texts) next to the lists to which you wish to subscribe. It's that easy! If you would like any help signing up for News Flashes or the E-Newsletter, please call me and I'll be happy to assist you.

—Felicia Wheaton

Community Development Director/Assistant City Manager

West Nile Virus Update



Although West Nile virus (WNV) is primarily a disease of birds, humans and other mammals may become infected when bitten by an infected mosquito.

COMMUNITY Headlines

You will find the latest information posted on the City's home page under **Community Headlines**.

Also on the home page, the right sidebar shows the City's Events Calendar. On the left sidebar you will find links to the City's **Municipal Code**, meeting archives (including agendas, minutes and reports), **publications**, and much more!

EVENTS Calendar

To sign up for City News Flashes, click the "Notify Me" icon toward the top of the page. You will be directed to the subscription page for notifications ranging from the



Alert Center for emergencies to **Bid Postings**, **Government Jobs**, **News Flashes** from individual City departments, and **Calendar events**.



One of the best ways to stay informed is to sign up for the City's E-Newsletter. The E-Newsletter is published about once a week and is a digest of News Flashes, special community events, and important City announcements. An archive of the City's E-Newsletters can be found by clicking the "Newsletter" icon on the home page.

Symptoms. Approximately 80% of human cases of WNV do not show any symptoms. Approximately 20% experience mild symptoms that may include fever, headache, body aches, nausea, rashes, swollen lymph nodes and vomiting. Less than 1% of people infected with WNV develop serious illness. These cases may last for extended periods of time, result in permanent neurological damage and may be fatal.

Precautions. Reduce outdoor exposure during dawn and dusk; use mosquito repellent containing DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus (follow label directions carefully); wear protective clothing. Reduce indoor exposure by keeping doors and windows closed whenever possible; check and maintain window and door screens. Prevent mosquitoes from developing near your home by eliminating sources of standing water. Report dead birds to the WNV hotline at 1-877-WNV-BIRD.

West Nile Virus Update. As of 9/28/12, Marin County has had no WNV activity and Sonoma County has had only non-human cases. The nearest locations with human WNV activity are San Francisco (1), Contra Costa County (2), and Solano County (1). Weekly updates can be found at www.westnile.ca.gov.

—Leslie Carpentiers, City Clerk

Belvedere's Healthy Finances

Year-End Report

The City's audited financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2012, will be reviewed by the Finance Committee in November and will be reviewed by the City Council at their December meeting. Following is a summary of the financial statements.



SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

(for the years ended June 30)

	Actual 2010	Actual 2011	Actual 2012	
Revenues (incl. Non-operating):				
Property taxes	\$ 3,719,285	\$ 3,602,729	\$ 3,680,706	\$ 3,692,989
Revenue from other agencies	141,682	151,220	138,303	137,500
Licenses & Permits	395,225	400,557	475,684	481,500
Interest & Property	47,652	42,598	36,130	40,267
Sales & Use taxes	60,176	56,557	102,760	57,000
Charges for current services	284,556	261,159	374,225	333,000
Franchise fees	113,265	123,028	128,336	127,500
Fines & forfeitures	354,942	23,073	232,881	213,000
Miscellaneous other	55,045	43,253	50,210	43,500
Total Revenue	\$ 5,171,828	\$ 4,704,174	\$ 5,219,235	\$ 5,126,256
Expenditures (incl. Non-operating)				
General Administration	\$ 736,715	\$ 844,598	\$ 1,044,983	\$ 917,892
Planning & Building	1,472,293	1,457,819	1,420,824	1,490,287
Police	1,481,146	1,524,656	1,581,118	1,544,797
Public Works Operations	773,627	798,718	704,076	770,177
Community Center	12,516	16,343	18,294	316,950
Total Expenditures	\$ 4,476,297	\$ 4,642,134	\$ 4,769,295	\$ 5,040,103
Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 695,531	\$ 62,040	\$ 449,940	\$ 86,153
Net Operating Transfers	(651,787)	(310,756)	(469,153)	(664,379)
Net Revenues	43,744	(248,716)	(19,213)	(578,226)
Fund Balance @ July 1	3,359,092	3,402,836	3,154,120	3,134,907
Fund Balance @ June 30	\$ 3,402,836	\$ 3,154,120	\$ 3,134,907	\$ 2,556,681

SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS' REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

(for the years ended June 30)

	Actual 2010	Actual 2011	Actual 2012	
Revenues:				
Fire Fund	\$ 647,912	\$ 647,914	\$ 669,903	\$ 701,584
Capital Improvement Fund	303,183	231,155	375,117	414,958
Equipment Replacement Fund	2,010	4,625	12,036	50
Total Revenue	\$953,105	\$ 883,694	\$ 1,057,056	\$ 1,116,592
Expenditures:				
Fire Fund	\$ 1,116,752	\$ 1,109,096	\$ 1,136,605	\$ 1,182,073
Capital Improvement Fund	823,420	691,663	1,274,115	659,000
Equipment Replacement Fund	59,957	14,991	27,190	25,000
Insurance Reserve Fund	-	-	96,323	25,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,000,129	\$ 1,815,750	\$ 2,534,233	\$ 1,891,073



2012 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Nominations are open! The Belvedere City Council is now accepting nominations for the 2012 Citizen of the Year. The award will be presented at the 34th Annual Town Meeting on Monday, January 28, 2013.

Criteria used to select the Citizen of the Year include five years of residency in Belvedere and significant contributions to the well-being of the community and its citizens through community service in the fields of the arts, local government, the environment, and/or education. While service to the Belvedere community is paramount, significant contributions elsewhere in Marin County and the Bay Area will be considered.

If two individuals have worked together on community service activities and both have outstanding records of community service, they may be nominated as a team for a joint award.

If you would like to nominate someone, please fill out this form or write a letter detailing your nominee's accomplishments and contributions.

This is an important award for our community. Please take some time to think about someone in this community who consistently makes a difference and submit their name. The Citizen of the Year Committee will do the rest!

Nomination Deadline

Belvedere City Hall
Friday, November 16, 2012

Options for Delivery

1. Mail or hand-deliver to:
City Hall
450 San Rafael Avenue
Belvedere, CA 94920-2336
2. Fax to: (415) 435-0430
3. Email to: clerk@cityofbelvedere.org

Please write "Citizen of the Year Nomination" on the envelope or in the subject line.

Nominee(s): _____

Address: _____

Approximate number of years as a Belvedere resident: _____

Organizations, committees and similar groups in which the nominee has been active:

Organization/Group	Approximate Dates	Position Held

Additional information (please elaborate as much as possible and feel free to attach additional pages):

Your name and address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____, 2012



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular City Council Meetings
 Second Monday of the Month
 6:30 p.m., City Hall
 Nov 13, Dec 10, Jan 14, Feb 11
- Planning Commission Meetings
 Third Tuesday of the Month
 6:30 p.m., City Hall
 Nov 20, (no meeting in Dec),
 Jan 15, Feb 19

Meeting agendas are available the preceding Friday.

BELVEDERE CITY COUNCIL

Sandra Donnell, *Mayor*
 Thomas Cromwell, *Vice Mayor*
 Siavash Barmand, *Council Member*
 Claire McAuliffe, *Council Member*
 Bob McCaskill, *Council Member*

PRINCIPAL CITY STAFF

Mike Fuson, *Interim City Manager*
 Felicia Wheaton, *Community Development Director/Assistant City Manager*
 Scott Derdenger, *Public Works Manager*
 Becky Eastman, *Finance Officer*
 Leslie Carpentiers, *City Clerk*
 Lee Braun, *Interim Building Official*
 Tricia Seyler, *Police Chief*
 Robert Epstein, *City Attorney*

CITY HALL OFFICE HOURS AND PHONE NUMBERS

Administration	Mon-Thurs	9 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	435-3838
Planning & Building	Mon-Thurs	9 a.m. to Noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	435-3838
Police	Mon-Thurs	6 a.m. to 3 p.m.	435-2611
Fire	Mon-Fri	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	435-7200

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