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BELVEDERE E-NEWSLETTER: January 7, 2022



From the City Manager Craig Middleton

Happy New Year from City Hall! As we usher in a new year, we are also adjusting to several new state laws that came into effect on January 1st. The most important, from a Belvedere land use perspective, is SB 9, which permits lot splits of single-family parcels. The City Council will consider an urgency ordinance at its meeting on Monday, January 10 that would implement regulations for SB 9 projects city wide and add development standards to reflect some of the unique characteristics of Belvedere. Later in the month, the City will consider a more comprehensive set of objective design standards, intended in part to ensure that future multi-family housing projects proposed for Belvedere are reflective of the city's character.

We enter the new year with a continued and necessary focus on maintaining public health in the midst of an explosion of new cases caused by the highly contagious omicron variant of COVID-19. We urge everyone to take precautions – vaccines, masks, avoiding events in unventilated indoor areas – and we are taking similar measures at City Hall. At this point, City Hall remains open and our fully vaccinated staff is continuing to work full time. Please let us know if there is any assistance we can provide you during this uncertain time.

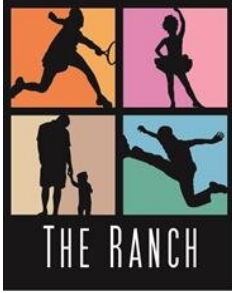
While Belvedere is always beautiful, it seems particularly lovely on these winter days when clouds part and the sun shines on verdant hills and a blue bay. Please stay safe, enjoy your walkable city, and have a Happy New Year.

Marin Health & Human Services: Marin County Coronavirus Information

For Coronavirus information, resources, and guidance for Marin County residents, please visit the [Marin Health & Human Services Website](#).



The Ranch: Providing Financial Assistance



for Programs and Classes

The Ranch provides fee assistance for individuals that may not have the financial means to otherwise participate in our programs and classes. It is the goal of the Financial Assistance Program to ensure equitable allocation of available funding. If you or a family member living in the same household are interested in participating in programs offered by The Ranch, please review the eligibility criteria to receive fee assistance.

The Financial Assistance Guidelines along with the Financial Assistance Application are listed below. Email completed applications to officeadmin@theranchtoday.org.

[Financial Assistance Guidelines](#)
[Financial Assistance Application](#)

For more information on [financial assistance](#) and for information on classes and programs, visit [The Ranch website](#).

Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary: Monthly Bird Walks



Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary is ground zero for waterbirds and Pacific herring in San Francisco Bay. Birders or aspiring Birders of all levels are welcome to join in and enjoy the monthly bird walks.

When: 2nd Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m., September - June.

Where: Meet at the Lyford House.

PLEASE RSVP prior to the bird walk so they know to expect you! Call ahead to confirm dates and times at 415.388.2524 extension 111.

Masks Are Required.

For more information visit the [Richardson Bay Audubon Center & Sanctuary Website](#).



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Climate Action Workshop Series: Sign up!

Sign-up now for the Resilient Neighborhoods Climate Action Workshop series. Calculate your carbon footprint and take steps to reduce it. Prepare your family for emergencies. Free online 5-session workshops start Jan. 13 or Jan. 18. Visit the [Resilient Neighborhoods Website](#) for more information.

Marin Master Gardner Fire-smart Tips: January is Time to Prune

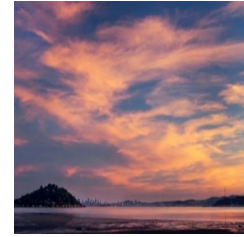
- Prune trees when dormant (except apricot and cherry)
- Trim tall trees to remove limbs 6 to 10 feet from the ground but keep at least 2/3 of the total height in foliage.
- Remove branches within 10 ft of chimney. Consult an arborist to consider elimination of branches that overhang the roof to minimize plant debris but not to the detriment of the health of the tree.
- Avoid topping trees and shearing hedges as this causes weak and twiggy growth and more fuel for a fire.



Please find detailed information throughout [The Marin Master Gardner Website](#) on all

Belvedere Critical Infrastructure Project Website

The City has developed a website on the proposed Critical Infrastructure Project. Please visit the [Website](#) for information on the project.



Upcoming City Council and Committee Meetings

Regular City Council Meeting
Monday, January 10th at 6:30

Regular Historic Preservation Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 11th - **Cancelled**

Regular Parks and Open Space Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 13th, at 4:00

Regular Planning Commission
Tuesday, January 18th, at 6:30

For more information on meetings and agendas please visit the [City Website](#).



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