



# BELVEDERE E-NEWSLETTER: December 22, 2022

## Nominations for Belvedere's 2022 Citizen of the Year

**The Belvedere City Council is soliciting nominations for the 2022 Citizen of the Year.**

The Citizen of the Year award honors individuals who have made significant contributions to the well-being of the City and its citizens over a number of years.

These contributions may be in any area of community service, including social service, the arts, local government, the environment, education, etc. Normally, a contribution in a single year, even if significant, will not be sufficient to qualify a person for nomination. Additional criteria include:

- The nominee must be a current resident and must have lived in Belvedere for 5 years. Specific circumstances may dictate that the nominee is no longer a resident.
- While community service to Belvedere is the chief criterion, significant contributions elsewhere in Marin County and the Bay Area will be given consideration.
- Normally a person will not be eligible for nomination if he or she is a current member of the City Council or Planning Commission.
- If two individuals have worked together on a number of community service activities, or are related, and both have outstanding records of community service, they may be nominated as a team for Citizen of the Year.

If you would like to nominate someone worthy of this honor, please send a letter detailing your nominee's past accomplishments and contributions, or complete and submit the nomination form, available [here](#), to:

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS, CITY HALL  
450 SAN RAFAEL AVE, BELVEDERE CA 94920-2336

or email to [clerk@cityofbelvedere.org](mailto:clerk@cityofbelvedere.org).

All nominations must be received in City Hall no later than 4:30 PM on Friday, January 20th (postmarks not accepted).

A committee comprised of former Citizen of the Year honorees reviews the nominations and makes a recommendation to the City Council. The award will be presented at the **Annual Town Meeting, scheduled for April 2023.**



### Nominations now being accepted for 2022 Citizen of the Year

The Belvedere City Council is soliciting nominations for the 2022 Citizen of the Year award that will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting in April 2023.

Minimum criteria used to select the Citizen of the Year include five years of residency in Belvedere and a record of significant contributions to the well-being of the community and its citizens over a number of years through community service in the field of the arts, local government, the environment, or education. While service to the Belvedere community is paramount, significant contributions elsewhere in Marin County and the Bay Area will be given consideration. If two individuals have worked together on a number of community service activities and both have outstanding records of community service, they may be nominated as a team for a joint award. Sitting members of the City Council and Planning Commission are not normally considered as nominees.

If you would like to nominate someone worthy of the honor, please send a letter detailing your nominee's past accomplishments and contributions, or complete and submit the following nomination form to CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS, CITY HALL, 450 SAN RAFAEL AVE, BELVEDERE CA 94920-2336, or email to [clerk@cityofbelvedere.org](mailto:clerk@cityofbelvedere.org). All nominations must be received in City Hall no later than 4:30 PM on Friday, January 20, 2023 (postmarks not accepted).

#### 2022 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM

Nominee(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Current 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

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Your Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Coyote Awareness

Please join us for a community information meeting at **6 PM on Wednesday, January 18th** over Zoom. Experts from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and Marin Humane will be presenting on several topics:



- Understanding coyote behavior
- Ecology and laws relating to coyote management
- Removal options (Resident vs City-wide)
- Ask the experts – Q&A

This information will aid Belvedere's leaders in developing a comprehensive Coyote Response Plan that fits this city's unique geography and urban setting. We hope you can tune in!

In the meantime, please remember that every resident must work to make Belvedere a less attractive place for coyotes. This can be accomplished through [hazing](#) and the elimination of food sources.

- Secure outdoor trash can lids
- Remove fallen & ripe fruit from trees
- Feed and water animals inside
- Keep dogs on leash
- Keep pets inside your home
- Clear out dense brush and undergrowth from around your property
- **Report coyote incidents to Belvedere PD – (415) 435-2611**

Coyote hazing kits are available at City Hall and the Police Department for free! Visit the city's website [Here](#) for more information on coyote awareness and how the community is addressing this problem.

## Resilient Neighborhoods - Climate Action Workshops

Resilient Neighborhoods brings people together and empowers them to do something about climate change by creating low-impact households, adopting sustainable lifestyle practices, strengthening communities and preparing for emergencies.



Free Online Climate Action Workshops - Learn to Live Lightly on the Earth  
In the online **Climate Action Workshop** offered by Resilient Neighborhoods, you will adopt an earth-sustaining lifestyle, create a low-impact home, and learn how to be resilient in our new 'normal.' Taking simple actions like trimming energy and waste, utilizing clean energy, conserving water, and making smarter transportation choices can save you money too. Help build a stronger and safer community. Free for Marin residents! **The next 5-session workshops start on Jan 12 and Jan 18.**

Learn More and register at <http://tinyurl.com/RNProgram>

## Housing Element News

On December 14, 2022, the Planning Commission held a Public Hearing and voted unanimously to forward the Housing & Safety Element Draft to City Council for approval.

The Housing Element is part of the City's General Plan and identifies policies and programs to meet the housing needs of the city's current and future residents. State law requires that every city and county in California adopt an updated Housing Element, approximately every five or eight years. The State Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) will eventually review and certify that Belvedere's Housing Element meets all the requirements of the law.



The new update will improve future affordable housing opportunities through refined Objective Design and Development Standards, inclusionary requirements, proactive integration of state laws such as AB 2011, and voluntary participation with state law SB 10. The Draft 2023-2031 Housing Element also includes several technical appendices with detailed analysis and information that support the findings and conclusions in the main document.

To prevent loss of regulatory control over certain affordable housing projects, the city must have an updated Housing Element in place by January 31, 2023.

The next step in this process is for City Council to consider the Housing and Safety Element on January 9, 2023. Prior to that meeting, staff and the consultant will be working to modify the document to address the Planning Commission's comments.

### **Where to Learn More:**

- We encourage all those who live and work in Belvedere to visit our dedicated **Housing Element website** to learn more about the process, share your ideas, and find more ways to get involved.
- The complete Planning Commission staff report is available on the city's website under the meetings and agendas page. Access the agenda **here**.

For questions, please contact:

Irene Borba at (415) 435-3838 or via email at [iborba@cityofbelvedere.org](mailto:iborba@cityofbelvedere.org)

## Flood Advisory Warning

Residents should be aware that **Seasonal King Tides** will reach peak on Friday, November 23 through Saturday, November 24. **National Weather Service (NWS) Bay Area** has issued a **Coastal Flood Advisory**, currently in affect from this morning through December 25 at 2:00pm. **Tidal forecasts** show the highest high tides are expected mid-to-late morning. For Mariners, the lowest low tides will occur during the late afternoon to early evening.

Thankfully, there is little in the forecast, so flooding should be limited to **very low-lying** areas along the coast and Bay shoreline such as the Manzanita Park & Ride. As a precaution, CalTrans will keep the Manzanita Park & Ride closed December 19-27.

### **Precautionary Reminders:**

- Do not walk or drive around barricades or through water of unknown depth. Turn around, don't drown.
- Stay away from areas/roads prone to flooding during high tides. If travel is required,

- allow extra time to take detours in light of possible road closures.
- Take necessary actions to protect flood-prone property.
- For mariners/boaters: avoid boating during low-tide (late afternoon) which could lead to trouble navigating shallow waterways.

**[Emergency.MarinCounty.org](https://www.emergency.marincounty.org)** is the an excellent resident resource for emergency information throughout this flood advisory and any future weather-related event.

## Belvedere Block Captain Program



The Belvedere Block Captain program has scheduled its next Block Captain training session for **January 19th, 2023 at 5pm.**

This will be another training on the use of the program's radios (generously donated by the Belvedere Community Foundation). Participants will be assigned specific tasks to complete within their neighborhood zone. Block Captains, please keep an eye out for an email with details of the training in early January.

Note: Participants will not be meeting as a group, since virus transmission is still an ongoing concern.

If you have an interest in emergency preparedness, the program is always looking for new Block Captains. Contact Adam Gavzer at [adam@gavzer.com](mailto:adam@gavzer.com) to learn more about this volunteer opportunity.

## Upcoming City Council and Committee Meetings

**Regular City Council Meeting**  
January 9, 2023, 6:30 PM

**Community Meeting on Coyote Awareness**  
January 18, 2023, 6:00 PM

**Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation Committee (The Ranch Board of Directors)**  
January 16, 2023, 7:00 PM

**Belvedere City Council Retreat**  
January 25, 2023, 9:00 AM

**Regular Planning Commission Meeting**  
January 17, 2023, 6:30 PM

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



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