

Belvedere E-Newsletter



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Greetings from the new City Manager



It is my pleasure to introduce myself to you as the new City Manager in Belvedere! I am thrilled to have been given the opportunity to serve this beautiful city and I look forward to getting to know each of you as time allows. Please feel free to stop by City Hall, or look for me at community meetings and events. I will

happily make myself available for coffee or an informal gathering of friends and neighbors so we can become acquainted and I can get to know Belvedere through your eyes.

This E-Newsletter has about 600 subscribers, so if you have news or announcements that would be of interest to the Belvedere community, please send it to mneilan@cityofbelvedere.org and I'll include it in the monthly publication. Hope to see each of you sometime soon.

Mary Neilan

Concerts in the Park coming soon

The **Concerts in the Park** has started a newsletter to alert interested residents of the Peninsula of the upcoming events, the performers, and the dates of the Belvedere Concerts in the Park. If you would like to be

informed of the Concerts in the Park in Belvedere, please go to the concerts website at www.belvedereconcerts.org to subscribe to this newsletter to keep you and your family up to date of these wonderful events.



Did you know?

- UNTIL 1980, BELVEDERE HAD A VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT. SINCE THAT TIME THE CITY HAS CONTRACTED WITH TIBURON FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR FIRE SERVICES.
- BELVEDERE CONTRACTS WITH THE COUNTY OF MARIN FOR THE SERVICES OF A POLICE CHIEF. ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPT. ARE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY.

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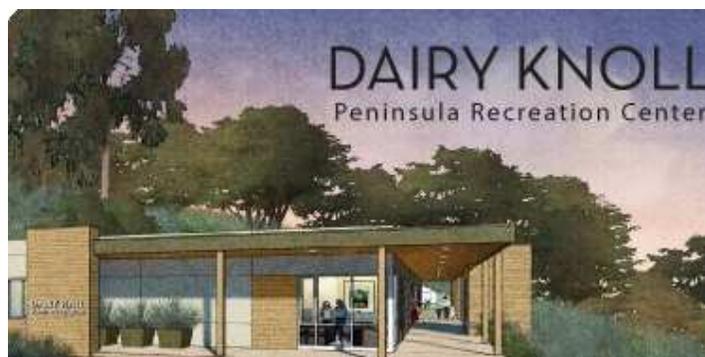
Dairy Knoll needs your help!

Dairy Knoll recreation center is under construction, but they need some help to open the doors!

A project of the City of Belvedere and Town of Tiburon, the brand new 4,800 sq ft facility will be operated by Bel-Tib Recreation and will provide space for many recreation programs, public meetings and private events. The last phase of this project is to raise the funds for needed furniture and equipment. Thanks to the generosity of the Belvedere Community Foundation, donations will be matched dollar for dollar, but only for a limited time.

Please consider a contribution to complete this worthwhile project! Donations can be made through the website (btcreation.org) or send a

check to Marin Community Foundation (write Bel-Tib Recreation in the memo line), 1505 Tiburon Blvd., Suite A, Tiburon, CA 94920



New recreation program connects burning calories with beautification

Want to burn calories? Build muscle? And help beautify the Tiburon Peninsula? Then join GreenTeam, a new class being offered by the Belvedere-Tiburon Community Recreation Committee. "Our motto is, 'We Dig Where We Live,'" says GreenTeam Chairperson Janice Anderson-Gram, "You could call it 'aerobic gardening,' but it's more than that."

"It will be a fresh air, full throttle workout," says instructor Jim Wood, who organized the Peninsula Pride program that every summer clears weeds and litter from Tiburon Boulevard. "We'll concentrate on removing invasive plants and grasses along the Multi-Use Path along Richardson Bay," Wood says, "and respond whenever the GreenTeam committee needs a landscape crew—like a volunteer fire department that's called out to beautify a park."

According to Anderson-Gram, the tightly organized classes will meet Saturday mornings from 9 am until noon, with only one break. "No power tools will be used, only clippers, hedge shears and tree saws," she adds, "along with plenty of hand, arm and shoulder muscle." Classes will be limited to eight men and women, and participants must be over 18 years old and sign a release of liability form. "We're likely to encounter some steep terrain," adds Wood, "so team members should be reasonably fit; wear gloves, long sleeves and pants, not shorts."

Classes start March 2nd and will meet every Saturday morning in March, April and May. A \$20 enrollment fee includes two GreenTeam T-shirts. "One to get filthy dirty working," says Wood, "another one to

wear afterwards; to impress friends." An orientation meeting will be held Thursday, February 28th, 7 pm at Tiburon Town Hall. For additional information call Jim Wood at (415) 789-5032. To enroll, contact Belvedere-Tiburon Community Recreation at (415) 435-4355 or visit their website:

www.btcreation.org.



Senior Access presents Brain Fitness

Join us for an afternoon of fun and games with our friend and game expert Robert Nations, Thursday March 27, 2013, Noon – 1:30pm at the Belvedere-Tiburon Library, 1501 Tiburon Blvd. Partners: Belvedere Community Foundation and Alzheimer’s Foundation of America. RSVP to Mimi Schreiber: mschreiber@senioraccess.org; 415-491-2500 X19

Zero Waste Week is here!

The centerpiece of Zero Waste Week is the Zero Waste Update featuring NCRA’s very popular annual Recycling Update and ZWIA’s Zero Waste International Dialog. Four hundred and fifty professionals, local elected officials, advocates and members of the media will take part in this special two-day event and hundreds more will take tours and participate in the special activities. Held in Berkeley, CA on Tuesday, March 19 and Wednesday, March 20, the Zero Waste Update will provide innovative and practical solutions to reduce waste and move toward high diversion and Zero Waste. International case studies will be highlighted, as well as the work of North American communities and agencies on the cutting edge of sustainable materials management. Find more information at <http://zerowastemarin.org/zero-waste-101/blog/> or call 510 982-1841.



Green Power Partner

Marin Energy Authority (MEA) recently initiated a process with the Environmental Protection Agency to grant "Green Power Partner" recognition to the City of Belvedere for purchasing power from Marin Clean Energy (MCE). As a result of this effort, the City of Belvedere will be receiving two road signs for outdoor display, reading "Welcome to a Green Power Community: We exceed EPA guidelines for buying clean renewable energy".



Belvedere’s green power data summary is included below.

CY 2013 Projection	Voluntary Green Power Percent	Overall Green Power Percent	Total Community Usage (kWh)	Voluntary Green Power (kWh)
City of Belvedere	23.32%	38.37%	9,994,582	2,331,070

***Overall Green Power Percent** - The percent of Belvedere energy from MCE Green Power (50% 'Light Green' minus portion of PG&E customers)

***Voluntary Green Power Percent** - The percent of Belvedere energy from MCE Green Power, not including the RPS-mandated 20% Renewable Energy (not considered voluntary). This percentage will be displayed on the EPA website, and places Belvedere in the Top 20 of National Green Power Communities by percent.

New Building Official joins Belvedere staff

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Eric Banvard was born in Los Angeles and has lived in California his entire life. He went to college at the University of California at Santa Cruz where he majored in Planning and Public Policy.

After college Eric settled in the Sacramento area and began working for a developer, Streng Brothers Homes. After 4+ years with the Brothers, Eric struck out on his own, and established his own residential design firm, Sun Rite Design. He and his wife called Davis home for 20+ years.

14 years ago Eric was recruited into government service becoming first a Plan Reviewer, and then the Senior Plan Reviewer with the City of Davis.

In 2006, Eric joined the Napa County Building Department as their Plans & Permits Supervisor. That Fall Jo, Eric, and miniature dachshund Pepper, moved to Napa where they still reside in a 1936 home originally built and occupied by renowned Napa builder George DeVita.

Starting January 28th Eric joined us here at the City of Belvedere as our Building Official and Code Enforcement Officer. Eric brings a lifetime of accumulated construction and code related knowledge, a good dose of common sense, and a helpful problem-solving attitude, along with his Building Code Official certificate.

Regular City Meetings: Open and Public

Regular meetings of the following bodies are held at City Hall and are open to the public.

City Council: Second Monday, 6:30pm

Planning commission: Third Tuesday,
6:30pm

Parks and Open Space Committee:

Second Thursday, 4:00pm

Citizens Flood Zone Committee: Second
Wednesday, 6:30pm

Special Planning Commission Meeting

The Planning Commission will meet on April 4 to consider the following policy matters:

Final review of a revised colors and materials policy. The Commission reviewed proposed changes to the colors and materials policy in May 2012 and made suggested revisions. The revisions will be reviewed for recommendation to the Council for approval.

Consideration of a zoning amendment to change the definition of height in the Lagoon zoning districts. The current definition of height is as measured from grade. The Citizens Flood Zone Committee will ask the Commission to consider the measurement of height to be from Base Flood Elevation. Recommendations to amend the current zoning ordinance would be referred to the Council for review and approval.

Summary and results from the 2012 stakeholder meetings. The findings of the Commission Subcommittee will be discussed, as well as prioritization of changes and next steps to be taken.