



BELVEDERE E-NEWSLETTER



From the City Manager Craig Middleton

As the weather warms up, and given the drought conditions that we're all aware of, please consider participating in either the monthly Chipper Days at Blackie's pasture or the weekly curbside pick-ups. Through these programs, we are trying to make it as easy as possible for residents to clear potentially-flammable vegetation from their properties well ahead of fire season. Details on the program are provided [here](#).

In anticipation of the easing of COVID restrictions, and in recognition of Belvedere's 125th birthday, a series of activities are being planned for Labor Day weekend. Organizers would appreciate knowing generally how many residents might want to attend. Please use the link in the story below to let us know whether you would be interested in attending Belvedere birthday events that weekend.

Thanks again for your patience with infrastructure construction. The highly-impactful project to replace underground sewer lines and water supply lines on Cove and Beach Roads is wrapping up. Workers will then repave the roads.

All of us at City Hall extend our wishes to you for a lovely Memorial Day holiday.

Food, Wine and a Celebration of Belvedere on her 125th year!

- Date: Saturday September 4th
- Time: 5 PM till 9:30
- Place: Community Park
- Family movie sponsored by Concerts in the Park 7:45

Organizers are in the process of planning for this event. Please let us know if you are interested in attending. [RSVP here](#).

Juneteenth Celebration

LIVE JAZZ | POETRY READINGS |
GUEST SPEAKERS

JUNE 19TH
1 PM - 4 PM
MAIN STREET
DOWNTOWN TIBURON



Curbside Pickup Now Available



The City of Belvedere, in cooperation with the Tiburon Fire Protection District, is sponsoring a FREE Vegetation Curbside Pick-Up program which will offer Belvedere residents an opportunity to help reduce fire prone vegetation and provide better defensible space around your home.

Every Thursday, May 13th – June 24th , Belvedere Public Works will haul away tree limbs, dead branches and brush at no expense to you!

For more information visit the [City Website](#).

Marin Water's Conservation Tips

- Turn off sprinkler systems and water plants by hand only when necessary.
- Replace your lawn with water-efficient landscaping.
- “Smart” irrigation controllers automatically adjust to local weather conditions and landscaping to provide just the right amount of water your plants need.

Programs & Incentives

Lawn Replacement Rebate

- Convert high water use lawns to water-efficient landscaping
- \$3 per square-foot through October 2021
- Or receive free mulching material

Free sheet mulching service

- Local non-profit will install mulching materials and cap overhead sprinklers
- After the drought, the area can be replanted with water-efficient landscaping

Learn more at MarinWater.org/waterules for the latest updates, and visit MarinWater.org/Rebates for more information on rebate incentives

Fire-smart Landscaping: Maintaining Plants Along Home Exit Routes

It's a good time of year to observe the health of plantings along the exit routes from your home to your vehicle. Exits may be through doors or windows and along a path to a vehicle parked on a street, a detached garage, or a meeting place with neighbors. Embers can ignite combustible material along your exit route, possibly preventing you from exiting your home or a fire fighter from entering your home.

- Identify the escape routes to your vehicle
- Remove or move jute door mats, wood planters and other combustible materials from your exits
- Assess the health and condition of the plants along each route
- Remove dead plant material and plant debris
- Remove vines near doors or windows
- Replace wood gates, arbors or trellises near exit routes with noncombustible material

For more information on fire-smart landscaping visit [UC Marin Master Gardeners](#).

Vaccination Information

Marin County has successfully vaccinated 86% of eligible residents with at least one vaccine and 96% of the over 75 at-risk group. Vaccines are now rolling out to the 12-16 yr old group. It is imperative that we encourage this group and vaccine hesitant residents into participating in an attempt to protect Marin against transmission.

COVID-19 is not "just a little flu" and there have been significant side effects for the thousands of infected children, hundreds of which who have died throughout the country. In addition, unvaccinated individuals can transmit the virus, particularly the more lethal variants emerging. Up to 30% of COVID-19 patients can become "long haulers" with devastating effects for weeks or months.

Please remember:

1. Vaccines are safe and have been administered to millions of people worldwide without significant side effects. The concern about the J&J vaccine causing blood clots is no longer valid.
2. Three proven vaccines are available in the US: Pfizer, Moderna, and J&J. All are effective. Get whichever is available.
3. Ignore misinformation on social media. Rely on proven scientific publications from the FDA and CDC.
4. Visit [Marin County's Vaccine finder webpage](#) to find the nearest vaccination sight.
5. "Herd immunity" protection is now in dispute so let's get everyone vaccinated.
6. "Vaccine passports" and even "vaccines" are now being sold on the internet. There is currently no valid vaccine passport in the US. Photocopy the card you received during vaccination and carry it with you.

Wildfires

We have already experienced our first Red Flag day and we are not even into "fire season". This coming summer will be problematic as we face the 3rd "historic" fire season in a row and the second worst drought in California history! Make sure your property is cleared of dry vegetation and take advantage of chipper days to dispose of it. Attach at least two hoses to your exterior faucets to be ready.

Earthquake

This is still our nemesis with respect to no prior warning, significant damage, and overwhelmed professional responders. They may need help from our Block Captains and the community at large. Let's make sure we are capable of providing it. In the event of high winds, continuous sirens, or alerts on radio or TV please be prepared to help if you can.

Vaccination, Wildfire, and Earthquake Content provided by Dr. Thomas Cromwell, member of the Belvedere –Tiburon Disaster Council and the Belvedere Block Captain Committee.

Age-Friendly Belvedere Community Assessment Survey

What is "Age-Friendly Belvedere?" The County of Marin was recently awarded age-

friendly status by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the AARP Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities. Likewise, Belvedere has earned designation as an “Age Friendly City.”

Our goal with this short survey is to find out how we can make Belvedere a great place for all ages and stages of life. Information collected will clarify needs and priorities as we develop our policy and action plan. Let’s work together on this!

The deadline to submit your response is June 12th. [Take the Survey!](#)



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