



*Learn about the City Council Retreat, an AlertMarin Test, New Police Officer...*

### City Manager Report



Please join us for the City Council Retreat on March 27th at the Belvedere-Tiburon Library Founders Room, starting at 9:00 AM and concluding in the early afternoon. This pivotal gathering will chart the path for our city's objectives and strategies for 2024. We will discuss topics that are important to our community and we value the input of all residents. Feel free to join us in person or remotely. The Zoom link will be posted on

the Belvedere website.

If you weren't able to join us for the Annual Town Meeting in January, where we honored our distinguished volunteers and I presented the city's current status, don't worry. You can still catch up by viewing my presentation. Just click [here](#) to watch the video.

Good news from Caltrans—emergency repair work on Tiburon Boulevard will be mostly complete as of today. We appreciate your patience during this necessary safety project. Look for notifications of future Caltrans work on Belvedere's home page under News & Announcements.

As part of our commitment to maintaining a safe and enjoyable environment for all, the Public Works Department is set to refurbish the San Rafael Avenue seawall pathway, enhance crosswalks near Tom Price Park, and repair worn sections of asphalt throughout the city.

**All of us at City Hall extend our best wishes to you this spring!**

### Get Ready for AlertMarin Test on March 23



It's time for a test. But don't worry, you have time to get ready. On Saturday, March 23, Marin County's [Office of Emergency Management](#) will conduct a countywide test – sending a notification at 10:00am to the cell phones, landlines and/or emails of everyone registered

for [AlertMarin](#). AlertMarin is the county's primary system to notify you of the urgent need to take action during an emergency. Police Chief Jason Wu encourages all Belvedere residents to sign-up before the test, via the [AlertMarin.org](#) portal. And if you're already registered, please log on and

verify or update your contact information. For more details about this countywide test, visit the [County of Marin website](#).

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## New Police Officer Sworn In



At the March 11 City Council meeting, Chief Jason Wu swore in the newest member of the Belvedere Police Department, Officer Joe Devine.

Born and raised in Iowa, Joe received a degree in education and environmental science, and became a public high school teacher in Arizona. He moved to California in 2013, where he worked with Marin County Children and Family Services, both as a foster parent and as a social worker. He then pursued his long-time interest in law enforcement, and comes to Belvedere after gaining post-academy experience with the Mill Valley Police Department.

Joe is a community caretaker at heart and will serve Belvedere with dedication and professionalism. If you see Officer Devine around Belvedere, be sure to welcome him to the community.

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## Have you Heard of Vivalon?



You may have seen Vivalon's Meals on Wheels vans, but did you know that this nonprofit organization not only offers home-delivered meals, but also provides specialized transportation, social activities and educational opportunities for older adults and people with disabilities? In February, Mayor Peter Mark volunteered with Vivalon -- delivering meals and visiting homebound meal recipients in Belvedere. You can help by volunteering or referring older adults who could benefit from Vivalon's services. Learn more about Vivalon and its 70 years of service to Marin County at [vivalon.org](http://vivalon.org).

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## Belvedere Community United in Support of Fire Measure

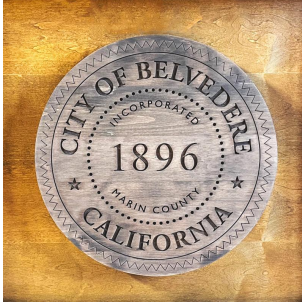


On March 5, 2024, Belvedere residents voted overwhelmingly—with 78% support—in favor of Belvedere Measure C, which authorizes the City to continue funding fire and emergency medical services provided by Tiburon Fire Protection District. Thank you to the community volunteers who helped pass this measure, and a special thanks to the hardworking Fire Measure Committee advocacy team: Marshall Butler, Sandy Donnell, Patrick Feder, Bob McCaskill, Kathy Pearson, and Jena Watson.

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## Council Discontinues City's Mills Act Program

Also at the March 11 meeting, the City Council voted



unanimously to discontinue Belvedere's [Mills Act Program](#). This program was originally adopted in 1993 and was designed to reduce property taxes for homeowners who agree to restore and maintain their historic homes. After review and discussion, the Council determined that the current program does not adequately ensure that tax savings are being used for the intended purpose of restoring historic properties.

Additionally, the staff time and cost required to modify the program and monitor compliance over time was not a good use of our limited City resources. The Mills Act program will continue for existing participants for the next ten years or earlier as their particular agreement expires. Property owners can and are still encouraged to apply for historic designation through Belvedere's [Historic Preservation Committee](#).

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## See a Coyote? Report It!



Living with wildlife can be challenging. Belvedere's goal is to support our residents with preventive strategies to reduce conflicts with coyotes, such as using a simple plastic bag to haze a coyote!

But for us to be truly helpful, we need to hear from you – when, where, and what occurred. We've made it easy – use the [Coyote Non-Emergency Reporting Form](#)

on the Belvedere website. We respond to everyone who submits a form -- often leading to easy solutions that prevent further coyote activity. As Lisa Hill notes, "Our city offers a unique hands-on service. After seeing two coyotes on my Ring camera, I submitted a report, followed the advice they offered, and now my property is coyote-free."

Help us to help you! Tell your friends and neighbors to use the [Coyote Non-Emergency Reporting Form](#). Or the dedicated Coyote Hotline: 415-435-8942.

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## Don't Miss The Spring Carnival & Egg Hunt: March 24



On Sunday, March 24 from 10:30 to 12:30, the Ranch will host its annual Spring Carnival and Egg Hunt at Belvedere Community Park. The festivities will include a community egg hunt, bounce houses, children's music concert and more.

The event is most appropriate for ages 2-10. Adults do not need to purchase tickets and children under the age of two are free. Tickets can be purchased on [the Ranch website](#).

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## Upcoming Meeting & Events

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
March 19, 6:30 PM

**City Council Annual Retreat**  
March 27, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Belvedere City Hall

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**Traffic Safety & Circulation Committee  
Meeting**

March 25, 2:30 PM  
Belvedere City Hall

**City Council Meeting**

April 8, 6:30 PM  
Belvedere City Hall

View full meetings & events calendar [here](#)

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