



Monthly E-Newsletter April 12, 2024

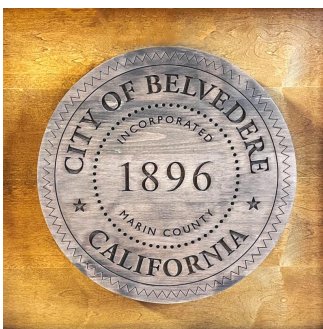
Learn about Volunteering, Senior Expo, E-Bikes, and more. . .

Join Us for Council Chat - April 18 at 3pm



Vice Mayor Jane Cooper, Councilmember Nancy Kemnitzer and City Manager Robert Zadnik invite you to share your comments, questions and concerns at Council Chat – an informal conversation about current topics in Belvedere. Whether you're interested in the city's priorities, or any other topic, Nancy, Jane and Robert want to hear your input, and provide all the updates and answers they can. This informal, one-hour session starts at 3pm on Thursday, April 18, at the Belvedere Community Center.

City Council Sets Priorities at Annual Retreat



The City Council held its annual planning retreat on March 27, focusing on setting priorities for the year ahead.

Five of the seven Planning Commissioners joined the discussion and brought their experience and perspective working directly with homeowners. Key areas of discussion were:

- Improving Planning and Building by allowing more time for review by commissioners and the public, and increasing transparency during staff approval of construction management plans.
- Increasing Housing Opportunities through the implementation of incentives to encourage construction of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).
- Continue allocating funds to infrastructure projects: repair the Beach Road seawall, upgrade streets, and fix retaining walls.

The City will share updates on the implementation of these improvements over the next nine months.

Stepping Up to Help Save the Martha Property

At their April 8 meeting, the Council approved a



one-time, \$125,000 contribution towards the purchase of the 110 acre Martha Property -- to preserve it as open space in perpetuity. Our contribution will be drawn from the limited discretionary funds available in Belvedere's FY 2024-25 budget. Given the community's overwhelming 78% support for Measure M, the November 2020 tax measure to support the Martha Property acquisition, the Council felt it should do what it could to get the project over the finish line.

The Trust for Public Lands still faces a small funding gap for the \$42.1 million acquisition and must secure all necessary funds by the end of April. The Belvedere Community Foundation is offering a \$50,000 matching grant to all private donors interested in contributing. Please visit the [online donation page](#) or contact [Jerry Riessen](#) to learn more.

Make a Difference - Volunteer for Your City



With our small staff and big ideas, Belvedere wouldn't be the wonderful place it is without the contributions of our more than 130 volunteers. At their next two regular meetings, the City Council will be interviewing candidates to fill 10 upcoming vacancies:

May 13

- Parks, Open Spaces & Lanes Committee (2 seats)
- Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation Committee (2 seats)

June 10

- Finance Committee (3 seats)
- Planning Commission (3 seats)

To be considered, please email a letter of interest and a brief statement of qualifications to clerk@cityofbelvedere.org or submit by mail to the Mayor at City of Belvedere, 450 San Rafael Ave., Belvedere, CA 94920-2336. For more information and deadlines, email clerk@cityofbelvedere.org.

Senior Expo: Resources to Enrich Your Life - April 26



Stop by the Library on Friday, April 26 from 10am to 2pm to discover a wide range of resources and services for seniors. This free event, sponsored by the Belvedere Community Foundation, will feature local vendors, clubs and senior organizations, as well as fitness and safety demonstrations, lunch and live music.

For more information and a schedule of events, visit the [Belvedere Tiburon Library website](#). See you there!

Our New Maintenance Supervisor is a Familiar Face



After a rigorous public recruitment process, we are proud to announce that Belvedere's new Public Works Maintenance Supervisor is our very own Alberto Carranza.

In his almost 10 years with the city, Alberto has proven time and again that he has the potential and ability to step into this challenging, but rewarding, position. Alberto knows every nook and cranny of the streets, lanes, drains, and parks of Belvedere, and we are fortunate to have him on our staff.

When you see him out and about, please congratulate Alberto on his new position!

E-Bike Riders Be Aware



Tiburon Town Council has adopted new rules for electric mobility devices (EMDs). They apply throughout Tiburon, including on Old Rail Trail (aka the Bike Path).

Type 1 and Type 2 EMDs – electric bicycles, electric scooters, motorized boards and personal assisted devices are permitted on Old Rail Trail, and must follow the rules: not to exceed 15mph, yield to pedestrians, wear a helmet, and single riders only.

Type 3 EMDs, with a top speed of 28 mph, are only allowed in bike lanes on the roadway – not on Old Rail Trail. Riders must be 16 or older.

No EMDs are allowed on sidewalks, public fields/sports courts (including McKegney Green). Those who break the new rules will be required to attend safety classes. For more information, view [California's new E-bike law](#). Belvedere City Council is planning to discuss E-bikes at the May 13 meeting.

Guidelines for Parties in Community Park



With warmer weather approaching, our community park will be busy with birthday parties and other celebrations! To ensure everyone enjoys the park safely, here's a friendly reminder of what's not allowed for private parties:

- Loud Music: No amplified sound
- Littering: Dispose of all trash in the designated bins.
- Structures & Bounce Houses: No setting up tents or bounce houses, or stringing ropes.

Exceptions to the Rules: Community-wide events sponsored by The Ranch, Concerts in the Park, or the City of Belvedere that are open to everyone.

Review the city's [Municipal Code 9.80.030](#) for a full description of prohibited activities in the park, playground, basketball court and Belvedere Community Center.

Apply for the City's Summer Internship Program



public finance or public affairs.

Belvedere seeks a motivated college or university student for our four-week, paid, summer internship program. With a flexible start date and job assignments tailored to the interests of the individual, this internship offers an insider's view of the workings of a small city. It also provides valuable experience for someone studying for a career in public administration, planning,

Apply by May 10. For more information, view [the internship flyer](#) or email clerk@cityofbelvedere.org.

What are You Going to Create?



those with a community focus will be given priority.

The [Belvedere Home-Made Film Festival](#) continues to seek short films to be screened in Belvedere Community Park on October 4, 2024. All submissions are welcome - old home movies, TikTok shorts, music videos, scenic panoramas, short documentaries, day-in-the-life stories – but

Need help getting started? Visit the [Belvedere Home-Made Film Festival website](#) or email info@BHMFF.com. Free filmmaking workshops will be available at the Bel-Tib Library.

Upcoming Meeting & Events

Planning Commission Meeting

April 16, 6:30 PM
Belvedere City Hall

City Council Meeting

May 13, 6:30 PM
Belvedere City Hall

Finance Committee Meeting

April 30, 2:30 PM
Belvedere City Hall

Belvedere BBQ in the Park

June 15, 12:00 PM
Belvedere Community Park

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

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