

#### Monthly E-Newsletter May 17, 2024

Learn about Community Events, Vegetation Pick Up, Emergency Prep, and more. . .

# **City Council Report**



On May 13, the City Council voted to approve the Mallard Pointe Tentative Subdivision Map (3-1) and the Revocable License (4-0). The **Resolution** stipulates key conditions. In addition, the Council committed to keeping the community better informed as the development progresses and directed city staff to evaluate staffing and oversight needs for this project.

Also at this month's meeting, Council previewed and discussed the 2024/25 Annual Operating Budget. Belvedere continues to demonstrate strong fiscal management, has the resources in place and appropriately budgeted to meet its financial obligations, and has adequate fund balances as directed by its longstanding reserve policy. The 2024/25 Budget continues to reserve funds for critical infrastructure projects, such as the anticipated Beach Road stabilization and repairs planned for 2026/27, as well as reserving funds to reduce its pension risk. The Annual Budget will come back to the City Council on June 10 for final approval.

The Council heard an update from Ruben Kalra, Belvedere's representative to the Tiburon Peninsula Diversity Inclusion Task Force. In support of the Task Force's efforts, Council authorized funds to support the Juneteenth Celebration on Main St on June 15 and Diwali in the Fall.

The Council interviewed volunteer candidates for the Belvedere-Tiburon Joint Recreation Committee and for the Parks, Open Spaces and Lanes Committee. Additional interviews will be held for these committees as well as for open seats on the Planning Commission and the Finance Committee at the June 10 Council meeting. Letters of interest are due by May 31. See the "Make a Difference" article below for more information.

# Don't Miss Out - Yellow Bus Pass Sales Start May 20

The Yellow Bus Challenge is a joint initiative of the City of Belvedere and the Town of Tiburon to encourage Reed Unified School District school bus ridership and reduce traffic congestion on Tiburon Boulevard. Annual passes go on sale



May 20 at 9:00 am.

Thanks to the financial support of local, county and state agencies and the Belvedere Community Foundation, an annual one-way pass is just \$345, which is equal to less than \$2 per trip. Passes are available through the <u>Yellow Bus Challenge website</u>. The Magenta and

Purple routes serving Belvedere are expected to sell out, so purchase early to ensure your child(ren) won't miss out.

## Free Curbside Vegetation Pick Up Begins May 21



Despite our wet winter, fire season is around the corner. To help you rid your property of fire-prone vegetation and provide more defensible space around your home, Belvedere is offering its Annual Curbside Vegetation Pickup Program on six Tuesday mornings: May 21 through June 25.

Just place your cut vegetation in a neat pile at the road edge in front of your property before 8:00am on one or more of these Tuesday pick-up days. Please limit your pile to five feet by five feet, with the cut ends of branches (up to four inches in diameter) facing the same direction.

For questions about this free service, email Maintenance Supervisor Alberto Carranza at <a href="mailto:acarranza@cityofbelvedere.org">acarranza@cityofbelvedere.org</a>. If your cleared vegetation is too bulky for our pickup program, or you can't finish all of your yardwork by the end of June, check out <a href="mailto:Free Chipper Days">Free Chipper Days</a> offered by the Tiburon Fire District at Blackie's Pasture, one Saturday a month through mid-September.

#### Be Savvy About Coyotes - Join the May 23 Zoom



Rebecca Dmytryk, Belvedere's wildlife specialist, is hosting a Zoom meeting on Thursday, May 23, from 5:00 – 6:00 pm. Her presentation will focus on coyote behavior, what to do if you encounter one, deterrents, and more. Use this **Zoom link** to participate.

Among other things, you'll learn that coyotes don't live in dens, but mated pairs do create temporary natal dens just for bearing and caring for their pups. Like all parents, coyotes vigorously protect their young from perceived threats - especially dogs. Be sure to walk your dog on a leash no longer than 6 feet, and always be aware of your surroundings. A coyote that stands its ground may be guarding pups, so give it a wide berth or slowly change directions – don't run. If you see any coyote activity, please let us know where and when by using Belvedere's <u>reporting form</u> or calling our Coyote Hotline at 415-435-8942. For more information, visit our <u>Coyote Awareness web page</u>.



Join fellow Belvederians at BBQ in the Park, a free event on Saturday, June 15, from noon to 2pm in Belvedere Community Park. Presented by the City of Belvedere, this community-wide event has something for residents of all ages.

Enjoy a free BBQ lunch – hamburgers, veggie burgers, hot dogs and sparkling water -- underwritten by the Belvedere Community Foundation and grilled up by Tiburon firefighters. Visit with friends and make some new ones. Explore volunteer opportunities, from becoming a Belvedere Block Captain to serving on a committee. Learn how to assemble an emergency "Go Bag" and "Stay Bag" and perform life-saving CPR techniques. Meet members of our city council, as well as city hall staff and first responders. There will even be a Bouncy House to keep the kids entertained.

For more information, to volunteer to help with set up, or to see about your organization getting involved in BBQ in the Park, email Adam Gavzer at <a href="mailto:adam@gavzer.com">adam@gavzer.com</a>.

## Juneteenth Celebration in Tiburon - Saturday June 15



Enjoy live jazz, the Buffalo Soldiers, poetry readings, special guest speakers and much more - Saturday, June 15 from 3:30 to 6:30pm.

This Juneteenth event, on Main Street in downtown Tiburon, commemorates June 19, 1865, when Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas to inform enslaved African Americans that the Civil

War had ended and they were free. Juneteenth became a federal holiday in 2021.

This day of celebration is a Tiburon Diversity Inclusion Task Force event, with the support of the Town of Tiburon, the City of Belvedere, and the Tiburon Peninsula Foundation. We hope to see you there!

## Concerts in the Park Kicks off on Father's Day - June 16



Bring the family to Belvedere Community Park on Sunday, June 16 at 4pm to dance and sing along with **You Should Be Dancing**, the Bay Area's favorite Bee Gees tribute band! This energetic group kicks off our 27th year of free summer concerts for the Belvedere community. Come join the fun!

Mark your summer calendar for the other Concerts

#### in the Park:

- July 14: BermudaGrass Caribbean & Bluegrass
- August 11: Midnight Flyer Eagles Tribute Band
- September 1: David Martin's House Party a Concert in the Park favorite

The concert series is sponsored by individual and community donations, we

rely on donations from ALL music lovers. Help us continue this Belvedere tradition by making a tax-deductible **donation to Concerts in the Park** 

## 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. City Council will be interviewing candidates to fill the following upcoming vacancies at their June 10 meeting:

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

To be considered, please apply by May 31. Email a letter of interest and a brief statement of qualifications to <u>clerk@cityofbelvedere.org</u> or submit by mail to the Mayor at City of Belvedere, 450 San Rafael Ave., Belvedere, CA 94920.

## Are You Ready to Stay or Go?



In the event of an emergency, you may need to evacuate, or you may be instructed to shelter in place at your home. To help you survive either type of emergency, the <u>Belvedere Block Captains</u> urge you to put together <u>Go Bags</u> for each member of your family (including your pets) and a <u>Shelter-in-Place Kit</u> for your household.

How will you know if you need to stay or go? That's where AlertMarin comes in. It's the vital tool our Emergency Responders use to communicate urgent matters to the community. That's why Belvedere Police Chief Jason Wu is asking every resident to register for <u>AlertMarin</u>. For more for more information and resources, visit Belvedere's <u>Emergency Preparedness page</u>.

#### **Upcoming Meeting & Events**

Asian American & Pacific Islander
Heritage Festival

May 18, 2:00 - 4:00 PM Zelinsky Park, Tiburon

**Planning Commission Meeting** 

May 21, 6:30 PM Belvedere City Hall

City Council Meeting

June 10, 6:30 PM Belvedere City Hall Belvedere BBQ in the Park June 15, 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Belvedere Community Park

**Juneteenth Celebration** 

June 15, 3:30 - 6:30 PM Main Street, Tiburon

**Concerts in the Park** 

June 16, 4:00 PM Belvedere Community Park

View full meetings & events calendar here

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