



Monthly Newsletter - September 15, 2023

Read about Coastal Clean-up Day, MCE Sync, Emergency Preparedness & more...



Belvedere Residents Say No New Fire Tax, City Council Agrees

The City of Belvedere conducted a community survey this summer to evaluate potential support for a supplemental parcel tax to increase fire protection and emergency medical services funding. The city would like to thank everyone who

participated in the recently completed survey.

At this week's meeting, the City Council received the survey results, which indicate that Belvedere residents do not support a supplemental fire tax at this point. Based on the survey results, the City Council accepted the recommendations of the Finance Committee not to propose an addition to or change in the existing fire tax.

The City Council agreed to further study the gap between the existing fire tax and the cost of providing service through the city's contract with the Tiburon Fire Protection District and to identify potential remedies. The Council will update residents on its progress as this work continues. This [link](#) provides more information about the survey, the results, and an analysis of the increasing funding gap associated with providing fire protection and emergency medical services.



Pretty & Practical: New Artful Bins in Belvedere Park

In keeping with our commitment to climate action, Belvedere Park is now home to two unique bins featuring artwork by local elementary school students conveying the importance of recycling and composting. With separate receptacles for landfill, recycling and compostables, they are the brainchild of Kathy Huber, Belvedere resident and founder of [Painted Bins](#).

Not only do the Painted Bins beautify our park by eliminating food scraps

and turning an ordinary trash can into a work of art, they're animal proof, weather resistant, ADA compliant, feature foot pedals to make disposal hands free, and include QR codes that link to information about the importance of composting. The cost of the bins and their installation was underwritten by Zero Waste Marin.

Support this environmental effort by attending the Ribbon Cutting event on Sunday, September 17, starting at 4:00pm at the fountain on Main Street in Tiburon.



Beautify Belvedere's Coast – Saturday, September 23

Join fellow nature lovers for California Coastal Clean-Up Day, Saturday, September 23 from 9:00am to 11:00am at the San Rafael Avenue seawall near West Shore Road. Come celebrate and share in the appreciation of our fabulous coastline by removing debris that endangers the fish and waterfowl that call Richardson Bay their home. Wear sturdy shoes with

good grip and bring a pair work gloves. Volunteering for Coastal Clean-Up even counts towards school community service credits. For more information, visit the [California Coastal Commission website](#).



What Do Handrails, Cameras and Free BBQ Have in Common?

Thanks to the generosity of Belvedere Community Foundation (BCF) donors, the City of Belvedere recently was awarded grants to help fund three very different projects.

The first grant enhances community safety and accessibility by paying towards a new handrail on Upper Cedar Lane. The second underwrote lunches and supplies for the Emergency Preparedness Day in Belvedere Park in June. The third funded the purchase of three video cameras to assist the Belvedere Police Department in monitoring coyotes to better understand their movements and activities within the city.

“These three grants are great examples of the foundation fulfilling our mission to enhance the quality of life here in our community,” said Pat Carapiet, President BCF.



Cleaner Energy is a Click Away for EV Drivers

In support of Belvedere's goal to creating a more sustainable community, we are pleased to introduce MCE Sync, the intelligent EV charging app from our partners at Marin Clean Energy. This

user-friendly app takes your home EV charging to the next level by optimizing it with the most affordable and eco-friendly grid energy. Just set your desired “ready by” time, plug in your car, and let MCE Sync handle the rest. It intelligently charges during off-peak hours. In need of a quick charge? Instantly boost your charging with a simple tap. Use MCE Sync to track of your EV's

energy consumption, costs, savings and environmental impact – at home and on the go. Sign up with [MCE Sync](#) today and enjoy a \$50 enrollment bonus.



Three Simple Steps to Boost Emergency Preparedness

Step 1: Sign up for [AlertMarin](#). In an emergency (earthquake, fire, flood) AlertMarin notifications will send you critical information and potentially life-saving instruction via text, email and/or telephone.

Step 2: Buy a battery-operated radio and batteries.

The Tiburon Peninsula Emergency Alert Siren (the one that's tested on the first Saturday of each month at noon) will be the signal to tune to SNAP 840 AM for updates.

Step 3: Attend Get Ready to Go 94920 on Saturday, October 14 in Zelinsky Park (behind Tiburon Town Hall). Hosted from 11am to 3pm by the Tiburon and Belvedere Police Departments and the Tiburon Fire Department, this family-friendly event will feature lots of information and loads of fun, including a free BBQ, bounce house and live music.



Hey Coyotes – We're Watching You!

Have you noticed those small cameras and solar panels hidden in trees, attached to stop signs, or overhead on a pole? We're using them to record coyote activity in public areas to better understand their pathways into and around the city.

The cameras, funded by a grant from the Belvedere Community Foundation, are activated by movement, only record after dark and are turned off before sunrise. The night cameras are good at picking up shapes but lack the level of detail to recognize people. Police Chief Jason Wu views the footage and reports key activity.

Please remember that [coyotes](#) are attracted to rodents, and rodents are attracted to dog droppings and fallen fruit on the streets. Clean up after your dog and pick up any fallen fruit in front of your house. Let's keep Belvedere clean and your pets safe.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Painted Bins Ribbon Cutting

Sunday, September 17 at 4:00pm
Tiburon's Fountain Plaza

Regular Belvedere Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30pm
Belvedere City Hall Council Chambers

Belvedere-Tiburon Library Community Meeting - Help Plan the Future

Wednesday, September 27
6:00pm to 7:00pm
Belvedere-Tiburon Library

Regular City Council Meeting

Monday, October 9 at 6:30pm
Belvedere City Hall Council Chambers

For more information on meetings and agendas please visit the [City Website](#).



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