



Monthly E-Newsletter December 15, 2023

Learn about Citizen of the Year, 2024 City Priorities Survey, E-Bike Safety...

New Belvedere Mayor & Vice Mayor



As is Belvedere's custom, the City Council members exchanged leadership roles at their December meeting. Peter Mark was elected mayor and Jane Cooper vice mayor for the coming year. The Council also thanked outgoing Mayor Jim Lynch for his dedicated service to the community for the past year.

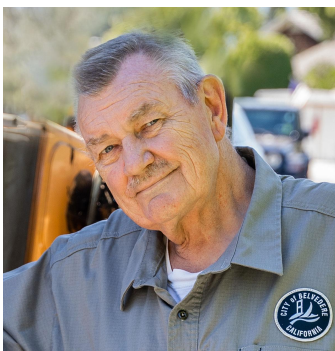
Belvedere's Top Honors Go To . . .



Among the hundreds of volunteers who make Belvedere tick, two are honored each year as Citizen of the Year and Citizen Emeritus. This year's honorees were unanimously chosen by a committee comprised of 22 previous Citizens of the Year.

The committee selected James Campbell as 2023 Citizen of the Year, noting that he epitomizes the best of Belvedere for his volunteerism and decades of leadership in the city's top appointed and elected positions. Steve Block was honored as Emeritus Citizen of the Year for his deep commitment to our community and the county over the last 20 years.

A Tribute to Gerhard Laufer



"It is with great sadness that I must report the recent passing of Gerhard Laufer, our beloved Public Works Superintendent," said Robert Zadnik, City Manager, at the December 11 City Council Meeting. Gerhard was employed by the city in 1989 and worked in our community continually for 34 years. At the meeting, the City Manager presented a proclamation honoring Gerhard's rich life and dedication to Belvedere. Several residents, colleagues and council members shared stories of their love and appreciation for

Gerhard, before taking a moment of silence in remembrance of his service.

If you would like to show your appreciation, Gerhard's photo is in the lobby at City Hall—feel free to stop by and sign it. The city has also started a [webpage](#) where anyone can leave a comment, story, or photo to share with the community

Thank you for taking a moment to honor this special person.

2024 City Priorities Survey: Have Your Say!



The City Council, alongside staff, is gearing up for its annual planning session in early February 2024, where it will discuss the coming year's policy priorities. Details of this important meeting, which is open to the public, will be shared in January's Belvedere Breeze. We value your input on what matters most to you. Please take a moment to fill out our brief survey and help shape our city's future. Visit [the City Council 2024 Priorities webpage](#) to participate.

New Safety Measures for E-Bikes & E-Scooters



The popularity of e-bikes and e-scooters has caught the attention of our community, with particular concerns about their use by children under 16 years old and in areas of high pedestrian use. In response, the City of Belvedere initiated a collaborative effort involving our Parks, Open Spaces, and Lanes Committee, our Police Chief, our Public Works Director, the Town of Tiburon, and the Reed Union School District. The goal is to strike a balance between accommodating the growing popularity of e-bikes and e-scooters, while ensuring the safety of all community members. Staff is working on a policy to bring to the City Council.

Areas of focus include: speed limits, number of riders, age restrictions, public education and enforcement mechanisms.

If you or your child has an E-bike or E-scooter, we encourage you to take the time to learn the basic laws governing them. For current information on e-bikes and e-scooters, visit our [website](#).

Public Works Pop Quiz

Which of the following are responsibilities of Belvedere's Public Works Department?

- Maintaining our streets, lanes and sidewalks
- Keeping the storm drains running freely
- Making our parks look great
- Removing dead trees on city property
- Repairing and maintaining city buildings and facilities
- Overseeing infrastructure upgrades

The correct answer is "all of the above."



Under the capable leadership of Director Tony Boyd, the maintenance crew of Alberto Carranza and Roy DeMartini keep our community safe and beautiful. City engineers John Moe and Chris Barry ensure that our codes, policies and standards are followed to the letter, while Administrative Analyst Christina Cook manages permits, applications, and the daily administrative duties for the department.

Go to the [Public Works section](#) of the city website for encroachment permit applications, road closure calendar, street sweeping schedules and more. And if you have a question or suggestion for Public Works, call 415-435-3838 or email aboyd@cityofbelvedere.org.

City Hall Holiday Hours



Thursday, December 21, 2023 through Monday, January 1, 2024 no building inspections will be performed.

Monday December 25, 2023, through Monday January 1, 2024 Belvedere City Hall will be closed.

No construction work is allowed on Monday, December 25, 2023 or on Monday, January 1, 2024.

City Hall will resume regular business hours on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Upcoming Meeting & Events

Special Planning Commission Meeting

January 3, 6:30 PM
Belvedere City Hall

Regular Planning Commission Meeting

January 17, 6:30 PM
Belvedere City Hall

Special City Council Meeting

January 16, 5:30 PM
Belvedere City Hall

Regular City Council Meeting

January 22, 6:30 PM
Belvedere City Hall

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

Belvedere Breeze Feedback

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