

#### Monthly E-Newsletter January 26, 2024

Learn about the Film Fest, Annual Town Meeting, City Council Goals Survey...

# **City Council Report**



In a busy special meeting on January 16, the City Council approved the re-worked draft of the 6th cycle Housing Element update, as well as the related initial environmental study and zoning amendments. Officially, the Council directed city staff to re-submit the new draft Housing Element; voted to adopt the Initial Study with a mitigated negative declaration and mitigation monitoring program;

and reviewed and discussed required zoning changes.

At its regular meeting on January 22, the City Council completed the process, by adopting zoning changes required to achieve Belvedere's Regional Housing Needs Allocation. The Housing Element update will now be sent to the California Housing and Community Development (HCD) agency for the required 60-day review.

Also at the January 22 meeting, the City Council heard an appeal by Mallard Pointe 1951, LLC, of the Planning Commission's decision last November to deny a Class 32 California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) exemption. In a 3 to 1 vote, the Council upheld the appeal, exempting the project from further CEQA review. In finding the project exempt, the City Council found substantial evidence that all five of the criteria were met and none of the exceptions applied. The development application will now return to the Planning Commission for the further review of the proposed project to build 40 housing units along Mallard Road. The Planning Commission will discuss and consider various aspects of the project, including Design Review, a Demolition Permit, a Tentative Subdivision Map, and a Revocable License.

## **Caltrans Tiburon Boulevard Project**



The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has proposed a project to repair and enhance a 4.6-mile stretch of road from the 101 interchange to the Tiburon Boulevard/Main Street

intersection. The project aims to improve serviceability and ride quality, restore existing drainage systems to reduce highway flooding, and increase public safety. The project will also add bike lanes from the 101 interchange to Trestle Glen Blvd on both sides of the highway. Having recently completed environmental review, the project is now moving to the design and engineering

phase. Construction is set to begin in the spring of 2026 and last for a year.

Belvedere's City Council discussed the project at its January meeting. It elected to submit a letter to Caltrans requesting City input in construction traffic management planning, development of a community portal to keep residents abreast of traffic impacts, as well as further study to assess the costs and benefits of the proposed new bike lanes from Blackfield Drive to Trestle Glen Blvd, where alternative bike routes already exist. To learn more view the **City** Council Caltrans agenda item. For questions or comments, please contact the Caltrans team.

### Belvedere's 44th Annual Town Meeting – February 13



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enjoyable community event!

Please join us at the Belvedere Community Center on Tuesday, February 13 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm, to honor the 2023 Citizen of the Year James Campbell and 2023 Citizen Emeritus Steve Block for their contributions to our community.

At this annual meeting, Mayor Peter Mark and City Manager Robert Zadnik will also provide an update on the city's policy priorities and key projects. We hope you'll plan to attend this informative and

2024 City Goals: Join the Discussion



The City Council, alongside staff, is gearing up for its annual planning session in March, where it will discuss the coming year's policy priorities. We value your input on what matters most to you. If you haven't already, please take a moment to fill out our brief survey and help shape our city's future. Visit the <u>City Council 2024 Priorities</u>

webpage to participate.

### **Calling All Aspiring Filmmakers!**



The Belvedere Home-Made Film Festival is seeking short films to be screened at our October event in Belvedere Community Park. All submissions are welcome - old home movies, TikTok shorts, music videos, scenic

panoramas, short documentaries, day-in-the-life stories – but those with a community focus will be given priority.

Need help getting started? Come to a free workshop presented by Jock Putney at the Belvedere-Tiburon Library on three Saturdays – February 10, 17 and 24 from 11:00am to 12:30pm. The workshops will focus on filmmaking basics and the tools available to edit films. Drop-in to one or come to all three!

For more information and to register, visit the Belvedere Home-Made Film Festival Website.

#### Sign Up Selections ▼ Meeting Agendas

- X Road Closures
- ▼ Mallard Pointe Updates

As a subscriber to the Belvedere Breeze, you can read about what happened in our community during the prior month. But you may be missing out on news of upcoming events. Would you like to know about scheduled meetings of the City Council, Planning

Commission and other committees? Would you like to be alerted to imminent road closures affecting your street or neighborhood? To receive emails about any or all of these topics, visit our website and indicate your areas of interest. It's the best way to be "in the know" about what's going on in our community.

## **Upcoming Meeting & Events**

**Finance Committee Meeting** 

February 5, 2:30 PM Belvedere City Hall

**City Council Meeting** 

February 12, 6:30 PM Belvedere City Hall

**Annual Town Meeting** 

February 13, 6:00 PM Belvedere Community Center

**Planning Commission Meeting** 

February 20, 6:30 PM Belvedere City Hall

View full meetings & events calendar here

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