



Central Neighborhood Association (CNA) Survey

Please take a moment to fill out and mail back this survey. *All information is voluntary and will not be released to or used by any third party.*

| | Please Circle | | | | |
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| | Strongly Disagree | | | Strongly Agree | |
| <i>would like to see the CNA focus primarily on -</i> | | | | | |
| <i>city-wide issues:</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| <i>neighborhood-specific issues:</i> | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| A should focus on - | | | | | |
| speeding and signage in the neighborhood: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| trash collection and keeping our streets clean: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| adequate street parking and keeping our streets clear: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| crime prevention in the neighborhood: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| neighborhood social events during the year: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| informing us of city issues from city gov't meetings: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| would - | | | | | |
| try to attend CNA meetings: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| like guests (Police Chief, etc) at these meetings: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| like to receive a quarterly newsletter from the CNA: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| help with the CNA up to 2 hours per month: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

First _____ Last _____
 Tel. (h) _____ Spouse _____
 Tel. (w) _____ E-Mail _____

How long have you been living in CNA? _____

How many people are in your household? _____

My annual membership for \$_____ is enclosed.

\$10 per household except \$5 for Senior or Student households. Please make checks payable to:

**Central Neighborhood Association
 P.O. Box 1024
 Belmont, CA 94002**

Volunteers, We need your help!

I am willing to assist with (Please Check ✓):

- Database management Website help
 Newsletter Telephone tree
 Monitor city meetings Membership drive
 Social activities Other _____

What additional concerns about our neighborhood you would like to see the CNA address?

An Open Letter From Three Neighbors

October 1, 2001

Dear Fellow Residents in Belmont Central:

We're writing to bring you up to date on progress made in the Belmont Central Neighborhood Association since our re-introductory meeting on July 28. We're writing also to encourage you to join the Association, encourage your neighbors to join, and contribute to as well as benefit from its activities.

On August 8, sixteen volunteers from the Belmont Central neighborhood who were at the July meeting met at Paul Wright's home to discuss initial steps to plan activities and build a solid base of membership. Six of the volunteers agreed to serve as an interim Board of Directors for the Association until a general meeting of the Association in the fall.

The remaining volunteers agreed to serve as a Council to continue to work alongside the Directors toward a broadly-based Association inclusive of all the residents in the Belmont Central Neighborhood. Our neighborhood runs from the San Mateo city limits south to Ralston,

and from El Camino west to Alameda de las Pulgas.

On August 29, the volunteers met again to discuss ways to get input from the residents in Belmont Central on issues of importance to them, and activities they would like the Association to undertake. Additionally, the volunteers brainstormed about speakers from whom the neighborhood might gain interesting and useful perspectives on the city. Examples were Belmont's new chief of police, and the president of Notre Dame de Namur University -- and there are no doubt many others you will suggest.

Further steps include our setting up an e-mail address for information about the Association, planning an informative web site, undertaking a mailing and other communications aimed at neighborhood outreach, and tentative plans for the first two formal activities of the Association.

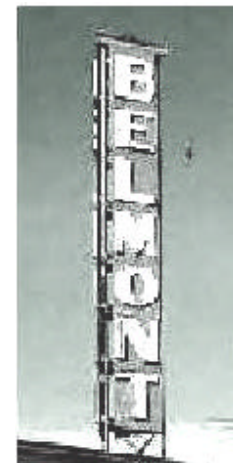
We are delighted that the Association has begun to reach out to the whole Belmont Central area, and we believe that you will find involvement with the Association rewarding and useful. While we are always happy to assist and support the Association [and have written our checks for the first three memberships!], we are now able to "pass the torch," and we ask that you join with this new group of volunteers to build the Association into a vibrant voice for the neighborhood and a valued source of information to the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Terri Cook
City Council

Paul Wright
City Council

Elaine Farmer
Past CNA President





Greetings Neighbor!

I am writing you on behalf of the Central Neighborhood Association (CNA). My name is Rick Rosenthal. My wife, Colleen, and I have lived with our two daughters, Annie and Katy, on South Road for 12 years.

CNA's Interim Board of Directors has nominated me to serve as President of the Association. I speak to you as "Acting President" until the group at large has elected someone to officially fill the position at our General Meeting in November. At the July 18th meeting held at Twin Pines, Paul Wright and Terri Cook led the quest to continue the progress made by the association under Elaine Farmer, who has decided to retire from the position. Since that meeting, there have been three follow-up meetings with volunteers from the July 18 meeting to add their energy towards defining what we want to accomplish as the Central Neighborhood Association. After helping to sponsor **Candidates Night on October 17th**, we propose to hold our first **General Meeting on Thursday, November 15.**

The Wednesday, October 17th Candidate's Night will be at the Senior/Community Center at Twin Pines Park beginning at 7:00 PM. It will be a great opportunity to see and hear the participants in the contested races taking place in Belmont. Please come and educate yourselves so that you can make informed voting decisions. I encourage you to become part of the town's future by voting for people who you feel will represent you well. Voting is a privilege, a right, and a responsibility. It is extremely important to vote but even more important to make informed choices so please join us for this enlightening event.

The General Meeting will be held Thursday, November 15th at the Notre Dame High School Dining Hall beginning at 7:30 PM. At the General meeting, we will nominate and elect officers, share the results of the attached survey and have time to meet one another over beverages. We have also arranged to have Greg Janke, the Chief of Police, come address us. Many concerns in a neighborhood center around traffic, speeding, parking, and minor disputes between neighbors. Greg will help us understand how to become part of the process to deal with these issues. Come find out more about the CNA and participate in the process of constructive change.

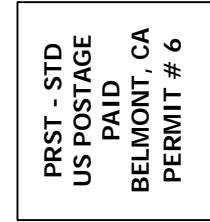
Attached is a survey to help us better understand what you want out of our neighborhood association. Please take a few moments to complete this survey and send it along with this years dues (**\$10, \$5 for Seniors/Students made payable to Central Neighborhood Association**) if you choose to support CNA. Even if you choose not to join the CNA, we want to know what issues you feel are most important to our lives in Belmont.

I look forward to working on our neighborhood's interests and concerns in whatever capacity I am able. Please feel free to contact me or members of the interim board with any questions you may have about the initial plans being laid to bolster membership and participation within our neighborhood.

Best Regards,

Rick Rosenthal

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