



# Central Flyer

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**Key Info:**

**Next General Meeting:**

Thursday November 14th at 7 PM at Twin Pines Community Center.

*Election of Officers will be held at this formal meeting—Don't Miss!*

Scheduled Guest Speakers:

Craig Ewing, Planning and Community Development Director

-and-

David Bronstein, Head of the Library Task Force Initiative.

**Membership Renewal is**

**This Month!**

- See renewal form on back -

**Committees Forming:**

Parks, Membership, Welcome Wagon, Communications/Website/Newsletter, Board of Directors - 3 new positions.

**Monthly Get-Together:**

2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM. See web site for location. 90-minutes of neighborhood and city discussions and actions.

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## Message from the President

**Rick Rosenthal  
President**

Greetings Neighbor!

Hi again from the Central Neighborhood Association (CNA). I am writing you as I complete my one-year term as President. It has been a rewarding year for me as I was fortunate enough to meet many of you and participate on a team that made strides towards the Association's objectives. These objectives were to increase membership, communications, sponsorship of community events, and make a difference in the neighborhood by pushing for more and better parks.

Because of the increased membership, we have been able to publish 3 newsletters during the year. Unfortunately, the membership is not yet high enough to allow us to continue sending the newsletter to all neighbors. Going forward we will only be able to afford to send the interim newsletters to neighbors who have sent in their membership dues. So

please send in your membership dues for 2003 (suggested contribution of \$15 - \$25) to support the newsletter and other efforts of the neighborhood association.

One of the principles that the current Board agreed upon when elected was to rotate positions annually and encourage new membership. In that pursuit, and in recognition of their contributions, I am nominating the following people for office in the upcoming annual general meeting:

- David Long, South Road, for President
- Mario Santana, Manzanita Road, for Vice-President
- Susan Korn, Hillman Ave, for Treasurer
- Londa Ottley, Villa Ave., for Board Member
- Jim Scheinman, Mezes



Ave., for Board Member

This leaves 4 open board positions of which I will be applying for one of them. I encourage you to think about volunteering. You may contact me or let your intentions be known at the general meeting. I believe you will find the service rewarding and fun.

As always, please feel free to join us the second Wednesday evening of every month at 7:30PM at Ausiello's Tavern on El Camino (see our web site to confirm the exact time and place each month).

Bring your neighborhood ideas or questions as well as any thoughts you may have about bolstering membership and participation in the Association. We would also love to offer our communication vehicles to anyone who wants to champion a cause for the benefit of the neighborhood at large.

Enjoy the newsletter!

## 2001/2002 Accomplishments

We are frequently asked, "what is it that the CNA has accomplished?". The initial CNA reorganization letter went out June 30, 2001. Roughly 18 months and 20 meetings later...

- We nominated and elected a new Board of Directors
- Three newsletters have been compiled and mailed out. 2-pages in October 2001, 4-pages in March

2002, 4-pages in this newsletter. (costing \$1,200 each for postage and printing)

- Two General Meetings have been organized and held with key city officials
- We initiated and co-sponsored a Candidates Forum held Oct. 9, 2002
- Successfully fought to place



Patricia Wharton Park atop Belmont's Parks & Rec. initiative list for 2002/3.

- An Art & Wine Festival Table was manned to jump start membership.
- Two PacBell Giants Neighborhood Nights held with over 100 CNA attendees. This was great fun!

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**Accomplishments** (continued from page 1)

- CNA Website Created and updated.
- Two Yahoo CNA Newsgroups have been set up and used frequently.
- We have set up and used a Phone Tree to notify neighbors of General Meetings
- We have set up and used an E-mail Tree for notifications of neighborhood events and pertinent city gov-

ernment meetings which impact our neighborhood.

- We have monitored and participated in various Belmont city and organizational meetings - representing the neighborhood when appropriate.
- Self funded – completely self-sufficient (and with your help we will stay that way!)
- Using these newsgroups, the CNA has

served as a communications vehicle for various grass roots efforts:

- Emmett House Planning
- Winding Way Day Care Issue
- Atrium (Doctor's Building) Project
- Davey Glen Park / Safety /Deer
- Monthly Open Forum Meetings
- Monitoring City Council & Planning Commission meetings
- Patricia Wharton Park Plans & Funding

## Join Your Neighborhood Association!

Sue Korn  
Treasurer

A whole year has gone by since we reorganized, and the CNA board would like to thank the many people who helped to make it possible. We have so many things we want to accomplish over the next year – a more frequent newsletter, parks improvements, general meetings, etc. – and we need your help and input. The more neighbors join, the more we can accomplish together.

Dues for the 2003 membership year are now due: \$25 for the year (\$15 for seniors). We realize that this is an increase from the 2002 season, but we are a very large neighborhood and keeping everyone informed is costly business! Each newsletter such as the one you are reading costs the CNA \$1,200 to print and mail.

To renew or to begin your CNA membership, simply fill out the membership form on the back of this newsletter. While you're at it, please take a few minutes to enclose any comments or questions you might have and we will be happy to respond to them. We would especially like to have your e-mail address, as that is the fastest and most cost-effective means for us to communicate things like upcoming city events and meetings to you.

Thank you again to all the people who joined us during the past year and who volunteered time and energy to bringing our neighborhood together. We hope to get an even larger percentage of people involved in the coming year.

### Volunteer!

We are looking for people to lead sev-

eral committees in the new year, as well as volunteers to serve on those committees. This is a fun way to get involved in your community and it takes only a little time each month. We have openings in:

- Parks Committee
- Membership Committee
- Communications Committee
- Welcome Wagon
- Newsletter
- Board of Directors

Come to the General Meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> to learn more about what it means to volunteer on these committees. We would love your input and your help!

## What the Heck is the CNA Anyway?

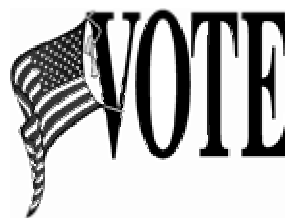
### The CNA is:

- ◆ A grass roots communications vehicle for citywide and neighborhood issues
- ◆ Comprised of concerned neighbors and citizens like yourself
- ◆ As apolitical as possible
- ◆ Homeowners as well as renters
- ◆ Building neighborhood cohesion through occasional social events, General Meetings and a monthly informal meeting to which all are invited
- ◆ Households bounded by Ralston to the south, El Camino to the east, Alameda de las Pulgas to the west and the San Mateo border to the north.
- ◆ 2,182 residences with a population of approximately 6,000 people.
- ◆ A dedicated, all-volunteer group who have committed time to this cause and are very pleased with the results.

### Just as important...

#### The CNA is Not:

- ◆ A "code enforcement" organization
- ◆ A mediator for neighborhood disputes
- ◆ An exclusive club
- ◆ A tool for the Council, City, or Planning Commission, although they make up part of our membership.
- ◆ "The" mouthpiece of the neighborhood.
- ◆ A money making venture.



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Expires 12/31/02.

# CNA Parks Update

Mario Santana  
Parks Committee

Greeting Neighbors. I'd like to follow up my previous article (March 2002 newsletter) with some new CNA Parks news.

## Patricia Wharton Park (PWP):

This is exciting news for a long neglected park in the center of our neighborhood. With no small amount of lobbying by the CNA, the city of Belmont has given PWP its top ranking among Parks and Recreation Initiatives for the coming 6-months. The City has a preliminary budget of \$45,000 and 80 staff hours committed to PWP. This is a great first step. The CNA and PWP still need neighborhood support to keep this project moving ahead and to ensure the best outcome of a revitalized PWP. We have been soliciting input from neighbors directly adjacent to the park and surrounding areas. You may have already seen me or others on a recent Sunday knocking on your door and asking you a few questions about the ideal PWP rejuvenation and asking for your support. Of all the neighbors that we

have spoken with thus far, all are pro-PWP beautification. This kind of commitment from the City, neighbors and the Neighborhood Association will hopefully lead to the beautification of PWP and new parks

for our "green" deprived area.

## Proposed Bayview Park:

A group of committed neighbors from the Mezes Road area, led by Jim Scheinman, have mobilized and proposed to the Parks and Recreation commission as well as the City Council a new park within our Neighborhood. This park's proposed location is at the corner of Notre Dame and Winding Way. This proposed park also received a high ranking from the City to perform a feasibility study for possible construction. These neighbors' hard

work and efforts have pushed to the forefront the lack of green space within our Neighborhood. This kind of mobilization from neighbors is great to see and is just the beginning of our push for more parks in our neighborhood. Great work Jim and all the neighbors who have helped to make this happen!

## Planet

### Granite:

O.K.—so it's not a park. But Planet Granite is now open and there are tons of great things going on there. This is a great addition to our City. It is not just a climbing center, it's also a fitness center. The Parks and Rec. department offers youth and adult classes at Planet Granite. You can see the schedule in Belmont's Fall Activity Guide;

[http://www.belmont.gov/localgov/prec/Act\\_Guide/toc.htm](http://www.belmont.gov/localgov/prec/Act_Guide/toc.htm)

For Planet Granite details, see:

[www.planetgranite.com](http://www.planetgranite.com)

Please see the coupon on the facing page for a FREE DAY PASS to Planet Granite—courtesy of the CNA.

## Davey Glen Park:



The Ross Woods project is coming along. (Interesting what they did to the sidewalk on Davey Glen). By moving Belmont Manor to its new location, it really shows off what a beautiful house it is. No news to report on the "Park" to be in Ross Woods. According to some long time neighbors, the deer still live in the area. If you'd like to see what the Ross Wood project is all about, see the following links.

<http://www.rosswoods.com>

and [www.regishomesnc.com/ross](http://www.regishomesnc.com/ross)

## Green Task Force:

The Belmont City Council is establishing a Green Task Force to explore the feasibility of placing a measure on the November 2003 ballot for the funding of improvements to community athletic fields and the purchase of open space. The Task Force will be composed of 15 individuals representing youth sports leagues, open space preservation interests, the Belmont/Redwood Shores School District and city commissions, as well as two at-large community members. Stay tuned for more info.

## Belmont Parks Boosters:

The Belmont Parks Boosters are a non-profit organization that has greatly contributed to all of the City's Parks and Recreation. The Boosters put on the Summer Concerts in Twin Pines Park with all proceeds going into Belmont's parks. The Boosters have been around for 27 years according to Judy King, a member of the Boosters. Other contributions from the Boosters have been the Basketball Courts at Barrett, the benches at Alexander Park, the Cottage Patios and the ever popular, never empty garbage can in Patricia Wharton Park.

As always, there is a ton of information on the Belmont Web site:

[www.belmont.gov](http://www.belmont.gov)

I am open to any questions, comments or suggestions. Please contact me via e-mail: [msantana5@yahoo.com](mailto:msantana5@yahoo.com)

## Central Neighborhood is on the Web!

WEB ADDRESS: [www.geocities.com/belmontcna](http://www.geocities.com/belmontcna)

EMAIL: [belmontcna@yahoo.com](mailto:belmontcna@yahoo.com)

NEWSGROUP: *Join via an e-mail to:*

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**WE WANT YOU!**



reapply in future cycles with possible modifications.

A priority of the steering committee is to make sure that the community is kept well informed and updated of our progress. I am pleased to have had the opportunity to share these accomplishments with you. The Friends of the Belmont Library have a link to a Fact Sheet that the committee developed at [www.friendsofthebelmontlibrary.org/new\\_library.html](http://www.friendsofthebelmontlibrary.org/new_library.html). Please select [Fact Sheet & FAQ - September 2002](#) to access additional information and answers to your questions.

Should you have any additional questions about the project, please do not hesitate to contact me, David Braunstein, through the City Manager's Office at 650-595-7410. Stay tuned for more information in the local newspaper and through the City Council.

**Library Update**

David Braunstein  
Steering Committee

In March of 2001, the citizens of Belmont

passed a bond measure to secure *matching grant funds* required to build a new library. The remaining funds are projected to come from the state through Proposition 14 funding. A steering committee, of which I am a part, was formed to meet the application requirements for the Proposition 14 funds and to manage the project throughout all phases of the city's review process.



The steering committee has been active. We have managed the completion of a grant application and have met the June 14, 2002 submission date for the first phase of funding.

At the beginning of December, the Office of Library Construction will announce the projects that will receive state funding. There is a great deal of competition for funds – only 25 percent of the applications will succeed – but the steering committee is hopeful that we are in a good position to receive funding. Our matching funds are in place, the location has been determined (the site of the current library), and the preliminary designs and estimated construction costs. Should the city not receive funding during the first cycle, we could still