



Central Flyer

Key Info:

Next General Meeting:
Thurs. June 6th at 7 PM at
Twin Pines Park.

Guest Speaker:
Hon. Mayor Dave Warden

Giants CNA games: May
29th and Sept. 9th

Monthly Get-Together:
2nd Wednesday of each
month at 7:30 PM at The
Vans. Check our web page
for meeting notices updates

The CNA webpage is up!
[http://www.geocities.com/
belmontcna/](http://www.geocities.com/belmontcna/)

E-mail the CNA:
belmontcna@yahoo.com

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Message from the President

Greetings Neighbor!

Hi again from the Central Neighborhood Association (CNA). For the first time in our history we are able to publish a second newsletter during the year. We are able to do this because we have had enough people send in the membership fee to cover postage and printing.

Unfortunately, going forward we may not be able to afford the cost of sending the newsletter to neighbors who have not sent in their membership dues. So please send in your membership dues (\$10, \$5 for students/seniors) to support the newsletter and other efforts of the neighborhood association. See page 4 for details on how to join us.

We are planning our second general meeting of the association on Thursday, June 6th, 2002. We will have Dave Warden, Belmont Mayor, speak. Our first meeting with Police Chief Greg Jenke went extremely well and we have the same expectations

for this meeting so please come and join us.

Our first priority for the association has been to bolster membership. While this is a continuing effort, we have already achieved enough members to have a legitimate presence and forum. The association can be used as a forum to communicate a broad range of issues and thereby solicit support for those issues.

Our next step as an association is to leverage these communication vehicles for the benefit of the neighborhood. We have had many people come forward and volunteer to get involved. In addition to publishing the newsletter and coordinating the general meetings, we have a casual CNA get-together the second Wednesday evening of every month at 7:30 PM. Feel free to come with your ideas on

how we can make our neighborhood better or to just see what the CNA is working on.

Please feel free to contact me or members of the board with any ideas or questions you may have about the plans to bolster membership and participation within our neighborhood. We can also offer our communication vehicles to anyone who wants to champion a cause for the benefit of the neighborhood.

I would like to thank the people who have written articles in this edition of the newsletter as well as those who have made the publishing possible. There is a new spirit of volunteerism sweeping the country and it is nice to see it touching our neighborhood. We are having fun getting to know our neighbors better and invite you to participate.



CNA Trek to Giants Baseball!

We have reserved 60 tickets each to two SF Giants home games for CNA members and their guests. This will be a fun way for neighbors to get together and meet one another while we cheer on the team (maybe we'll get to an A's game or two in the future if enough folks are interested). The tickets will be offered for purchase on a first come-first serve basis.

We plan to meet then Cal-Train or carpool to get there.

Game 1 is against the Arizona Diamondbacks Wednesday, May 29th at 7:15 PM, The tickets are in rows 10-15 in section 143 of the centerfield bleaches. The cost is only

\$10.00 per ticket.

Game 2 is against the Los Angeles Dodgers Monday, Sept 9th at 7:15 PM. The tickets are in rows 25-29 in section 139 of the left field bleachers. The cost is \$15 each.

Please email or call Linda Wright ASAP to obtain your tickets:



November General Meeting Recap

The meeting began with a welcome from Belmont City Council member Terri Cook. A vote was held to confirm the new officers and board of directors.

Rick Rosenthal, the new President, gave an overview of his goals for the reorganized CNA: let's challenge ourselves, meet our commitments and have fun!

Sue Korn, newly elected Treasurer, along with David Long, newly elected Vice President, shared the results of our recent survey distributed in our October newsletter.

This survey represents 352 of our CNA neighbors. Some highlights of those results are presented elsewhere in this newsletter as "Fun Facts".

Greg Janke, Belmont's new (since April 2001) Chief of Police, gave a very interesting talk about his background and his vision for the Belmont Police Department.

partment.

Among the issues Chief Janke covered were the creation of a resident database of volunteers to help in an emergency (for example, people with medical expertise).

Chief Janke discussed traffic calming measures designed to slow down drivers and the difficulty of enforcing speed violations with a limited staff. Possible red light placement and rationale was discussed for Ralston avenue at Notre Dame.

He advocated involvement in Neighborhood Watch programs and spoke to



their proven results in other communities with which he has been involved.

The Chief also covered helping us understand how the police can help with neighborhood concerns.

Chief Janke hails most recently from Calistoga and has been in law enforcement for 27 years.

He graciously stayed late, answering many questions from curious neighbors.

The General Meeting closed with a general Q & A forum to the new CNA President and refreshments generously provided by Linda Wright and Terri Cook (CNA Social Chairpersons).

Photos and presentation notes are available on our website—check them out!

Fun Facts - About the Central Neighborhood

- CNA boundaries are Ralston to the south, El Camino to the east, Alameda de las Pulgas to the west and the San Mateo border on the North.
- Central Neighborhood comprises 2,182 residences with a population of approximately 6,000 people.
- 153 households responded in some way (that's a 7.3% response rate for

our first mailing as a rejuvenated neighborhood association! Not bad!)

"Central Neighborhood comprises 2,182 residences with a population of approximately 6,000 people."

- Households responding contained a total of 352 people who have lived in the Central Neighborhood area for a combined total of over 2,100 years!
- 131 households became paid members, of whom nearly one-third are

seniors

- 51 people volunteered to help in some capacity (thank you!)
- 110 surveys were filled mailed in with 55 streets were represented.
- 70% of members provided e-mail addresses (88 households) – we use them to get the word out on important issues affecting our neighborhood.

Did You Know? - Interesting Info About Belmont

- Graffiti that appears on your property is your responsibility to remove – the City will reimburse you the cost up to \$150 for the first incidence (contact the Police Department at 595-7445 for details).
- Belmont is launching a "one-stop" development review and approval process lab in March.
- No vehicle can be parked on any public way for more than 72 con-

secutive hours, after which it must be moved more than two-tenths of a mile away (you can contact the Police Department's traffic hotline at 595-7455 to report violations).

- Parking on unpaved surfaces is prohibited (contact the Planning Division of the Com-

munity Development Department at 595-7416 to pave a surface other than your driveway).

- Debris, rubbish or trash on your property is forbidden to be visible from the public right-of-way
 - It is neighborly to clean up after your pet.
 - You can read much more great Belmont information at www.belmont.gov



Local Parks

My name is Mario Santana. My family and I moved to Belmont two years ago. In those two years we have explored almost all of Belmont, especially Belmont's Parks. The Central Neighborhood Association (CNA) encompasses several parks and recreation areas.

Belmont Parks within or adjoining our boundaries:

College View Park

(College View Dr.)

This park also consists of a bench, and a path, but it's beautifully kept and landscaped. College View Dr. is a hidden gem within our neighborhood. If you're ever in the area, it's worth a closer look.

Central Elementary School

(Middle Ave.)

Belmont's public schools are considered

open to public use (not during school hours.) Central has a nice play structure. It also has lots of level black top area (biking, skating etc) and lots of lawn area. Currently, it has a great view of Belmont Manor.

Barrett Community Center

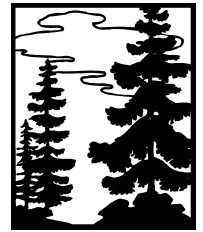
(Ralston Ave)

Barrett Community Center has lots for everyone. This park has a clean play structure, basketball courts and lots of lawn area. During the summer months, there are tons of kid's soccer and baseball games. Barrett can be rented for functions. Barrett also houses local artisans who offer classes in sculpting etc., and art shows throughout the year. Belmont's Community Garden is housed there. This is one of Belmont's nicest parks because it truly is a community center.

Twin Pines Park (Ralston Ave)

Twin Pines is Belmont. This park is a must explore for any resident of Bel-

mont. It has a level-walking trail that extends through the entire park. There's a play structure and a creek. Fun for kids, and a nice stroll for everyone else. Twin Pines has various facilities available for rent (Community Center, Lodge, Cottage), houses the Belmont and San Mateo Arts Councils, and is also the location for Summer Concerts in the Park. Belmont's annual Art and Wine Festival is held in Twin Pines.



Patricia Wharton Park

(Juncture of Middle, North, Notre Dame)

This park consists of a trashcan, a park bench, a path and a sign stating that it's Patricia Wharton Park. The landscaping basically exists to shield the homeowner adjacent to the park. This is a good place to drop off your dog waste in the trashcan, tie your shoe on the bench and cut through the path from North to Middle Ave. This park needs our help.

Notre Dame de Namur University (Ralston Ave.)

This beautiful private campus is worth mentioning and visiting. The college campus has lots of history and Ralston Hall is, IMHO, gorgeous inside and out. I'm told that you can tour Ralston Hall on docent-led tours. It's also a pretty good University as well.



Belmont Parks outside Central Neighborhood worth mentioning:

Water Dog Lake (Lyll Way & Lake Road)

This nature preserve/fire trail/watershed area is a moderate hike or bike away from civilization. Dogs are allowed on a leash only (yeah right). It's a great mountain biking trail, especially when it's wet. The lake is okay to look at too. Currently, the lake is undergoing drainage construction. The trail connects to Hallmark Drive and to Hidden

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Valley (the area at the end of Carlmont Drive). It sounds like a good name for a home brew as well.

Cipriani Dog Park (behind Cipriani Elementary Sch.)

This is the place to be if you've got a dog, if you're a dog or a dog lover. This dog-park is a friendly and fun spot to run Spot. You'll see many different breeds of dogs, from standard poodles to white boxers to mastiffs to pugs. Be prepared to get dirty and slobbered on.

Future park and recreation areas:

Planet Granite (El Camino Real, the old Belmont Theatre)

See www.planetgranite.com for details on the opening date.



This indoor rock climbing gym is just what Belmont needs. It should bring some much needed resident traffic and attention to the area as well as drawing in South San Mateo residents to spend time and money in Belmont. The buzz should also generate some attention for cleaning up the north entrance to our city.

Future Davey Glen Park:

The Davey Glen project will have a new "pocket" park to brag about. This park will be nestled along the hillside adjacent to the new housing project and

Belmont Manor. I am looking forward to seeing this park.

Future park development as well as remodeling existing parks is accomplished through input from park & rec. commission and the neighborhood. See the Belmont web site for more information and contacts.

Well, I hope I have shed some light on our parks. Hopefully I'll get a chance to explore Planet Granite when it opens, and Davey Glen's new "pocket" park. I have listed the web site addresses below if you'd like more information and or location(s) of Belmont's Parks.



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WE WANT YOU to join the CNA today!

_____ My annual membership for \$ 10 is enclosed.

\$10 per household except \$5 for Senior or Student households. Please make checks payable to: **CNA, PO Box 1024, Belmont, CA 94002**

I would like to receive the following via e-mail:

_____ Future newsletters

_____ Info on how I can volunteer to help the CNA

My e-mail address is _____



We're on the web!

<http://www.geocities.com/belmontcna>

Email: belmontcna@yahoo.com

Join our newsgroup with an e-mail to:

CNA_Members_Owner@yahoo.com

Library Update

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 Prop. 14 funding.

A steering committee comprised of David Braunstein (former Chair of the Library Task Force), Jere Kersnar (City Manager), and Terri Boucher (San Mateo County Library System) 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. They have recommended the hiring of a grant writ-

ing team (approved by the city council), and have discussed both the rules and regulations of the application and how to meet those requirements by the June, 2002 deadline. Since one of the grant's main components is to develop a joint use agreement with local public schools, members of the steering committee asked Teri Boucher and Linda Chiochios (Branch Manager, Belmont Library) to work with several local educational representatives and develop these all-important agreements.

It could take as long as 9 months following the June application before Belmont learns whether or not we will receive funding. There will be a great deal of competition for funds – these grant monies will finance only 25 percent of the likely applications, 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), the preliminary designs are nearly completed, which will include estimated construction costs. Should we not receive funding during the first cycle, we could still reapply in future cycles.

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.

Should you have any questions about the project, now or in the future, please do not hesitate to contact me, David Braunstein, through the Belmont City Manager's Office at 650-595-7408.

Stay tuned for more information in the local