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## *EDITOR'S NOTE - by Charlene Border*

Thanks to all residents who have provided email addresses with your annual dues. The email addresses are necessary as home delivery of the Bellringer newsletter will end with the December 2007 issue. Beginning with the March 2008 issue, the newsletter will be distributed to homeowners by email and Ecopies will be on our Belwood website: [www.belwoodhomes.org](http://www.belwoodhomes.org), hardcopies will be available at the Cabana club as usual. Other important Belwood news that must reach you in a more timely manner will also be sent by email.

If you did not provide your email address with your annual dues, and you would like to receive the Bellringer electronically, you still have time to submit so please send your email address to me at [cnborder@comcast.net](mailto:cnborder@comcast.net)

Your email addresses will not be provided to anyone, and will be used strictly for Belwood news

Have a safe and fun summer, don't forget bingo and movie nights and our big 4<sup>th</sup> of July bash! Happy Summer everyone

\*\*\*\*\***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**\*\*\*\*\* By Jim Bowen

Summer is here and the pool is open for all of our Belwood Family Members to enjoy. School is just about out for the summer and your children are going to be looking for something to do. Bring them down to the pool. We will have Lifeguards on duty from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. daily for their enjoyment. There are still plenty of keys available for pool use early and late, for just \$75, see the pool manager to sign up. We are planning some great activities for the summer. We will have parties, a Movie Night and the popular BINGO night. Kicking off the fun in June will be Movie Night and Bingo, Saturday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are planning a movie each month during the summer, put a picnic together and join us for the fun. Our biggest celebration of the summer is always our 4<sup>th</sup> of July "Blowout" party. This year is shaping up to be the best ever. Our fantastic Pool Manager and Lifeguards are taking on the party plans, and boy do they know how to "Party". We are talking a Belly Flop/Cannon Ball contest in the pool, Water Balloon Toss, Popcorn, Cotton Candy, Ice Cream and more.... **You have got to be there!** As always a Cabana Club is successful because of its members. If you have ideas for things that we can do to make your Club more fun let us know. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is June 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 P.M. at the Cabana. Join us; it is the neighborly thing to do.



**4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARTY  
WEDNESDAY JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**1 PM TO 4 PM**

**CABANA CLUB**

**BELLY FLOP/CANNON BALL POOL CONTEST  
WATER BALLOON TOSS, POPCORN, COTTON CANDY,  
ICE CREAM AND MUCH MORE!**

**BRING PICNIC/BBQUE ITEMS, BLANKETS, SUN  
UMBRELLAS AND HAVE A FLAG WAVIN' GOOD TIME!**

**PROTECT YOUR PETS : LOUD FIREWORKS WILL SCARE EVEN THE MOST DOCILE PET.  
KEEP THEM SAFE AND BRING THEM INDOORS FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY.**

**MONTHLY EVENTS**

**Belwood Homeowners Board Mtg:** Third Tues. of the month

**Santa Clara Valley Mineral /Gem Society:** Fourth Tues. of the month.

Please call Kathy McChristian **(Junior Pgm.)** 258-8400 or  
Margaret Norten **(Adult Pgm.)** 356-8254

**Schedule Cabana Club:**

Gina Wagner 358-2220

**The next newsletter** will be published in September. Articles must be to Charlene Border no later than  
Sept. 1<sup>ST</sup>. [cnborder@comcast.net](mailto:cnborder@comcast.net) 408-358-2818

## MOVIE AND BINGO NIGHT AT THE CABANA "OUTDOOR MOVIE THEATER"



This is a great way to spend time with your family and friends on our warm summer nights, come and enjoy your Belwood community!

BYO food and drink, chairs and/or blankets, as we'll be outside.

**TIME:** GATE OPEN @ 6:30 pm  
BINGO BEGINS @ 7:30 pm  
MOVIE BEGINS @ 8:30 pm or dark

**WHEN:** SATURDAY JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup>  
MOVIE: HAPPY FEET

SUNDAY JULY 15<sup>TH</sup>  
MOVIE: PETER PAN

SATURDAY AUG. 18<sup>TH</sup>  
MOVIE: FLUSHED AWAY



## Treasurer's Report - Dave Klenske

I am pleased to report our 2007 budget is tracking to plan. Both income and expenses are in-line with expectations for this point in the year.

For the rest of 2007, my priorities are:

- Investing excess cash and reserves into FDIC insured interest bearing accounts
- Setting up a financial audit as required in the by-laws
- Finding a new bookkeeper for the association
- Ensuring compliance with new state laws

We have invested our reserves into higher yielding certificates of deposits in order to stay even with inflation on the cash we will be needing in the future. In the past, the reserves were in a savings account that was not yielding what it should have.

I would like to take a moment to thank Mark Nichols, our bookkeeper for the past few years, for his excellent work and commitment to the association. He has had a lot of valuable input for the board, in addition to ensuring accurate accounting. If you are interested in the open position, please see the job description on page 5 in this Belringer.

If you have ANY questions on our financial picture, I encourage you to come to a board meeting or contact me directly.

Thanks,

Dave Klenske  
Treasurer, Belwood Homeowners Association  
[dave@klenske.com](mailto:dave@klenske.com)



### **SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS:**

Our local Wild Bird Center located at Kings Court shopping Center on Blossom Hill and Los Gatos Blvd is hosting a summer series of classes. Cost is \$10/child for each class. If you are interested, they sound fun and educational.

Reservations are required. call 358-9453. Below is a sample listing of this summer's sessions:

**Night Visitors: Ages 6 & up – June 28<sup>th</sup> 1:30-2:30 pm** - Come meet a live owl, toad and opossum visiting from Sulphur Creek Nature Center. Paint a picture to reveal critters that you may see out on a warm summer night.

**Teddy Bear Picnic – Ages 3 – 7 July 5<sup>th</sup> 11:30-1 PM** (children under 3 free of charge) – Bring your favorite stuffed animal friend, lunch and a blanket to sit on at BelGatos Park. Find out about beautiful bugs as you hear a story, make a special straw for your drink and search for winged wonders on the trail.

**Build a Bird Feeder - Ages 6 & up, August 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 – 4 pm** – Construct your own hopper feeder from a wooden kit using nails and screws. Find out about the birds that may feast at it and take some premium seed to fill it with when you get home.



### **CABANA CLUB POOL HOURS:**

Lifeguard on duty daily 1 – 7 pm, June 15<sup>th</sup> – Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>

Non-Lifeguard hours are 6 am-1 pm and 7- 10 pm

You can check schedules on the bulletin board at the Club and at our website

[www.belwoodhomes.org](http://www.belwoodhomes.org)

**Help Wanted:**

Belwood Homes Association is in need of a bookkeeper. Please review the job description and apply to the Treasurer, Dave Klenske. We would like to fill this position as quickly as possible so if you, and/or someone you know is interested, please let us know as soon as possible. All candidates will be considered, and you do not need to be a Belwood resident to apply.

Thanks,

Dave Klenske    Cell: 829-3283    Email: [dave@klenske.com](mailto:dave@klenske.com)

**Belwood Bookkeeper Job Description****Main Duties and Responsibilities:**

Prepare Checks for payments

Deposit Checks & Cash into Belwood bank accounts

Account reconciliation

Prepare month end reports, including commentary

Prepare a full year forecast input monthly

Annual dues mailing

Prepare and mail monthly statements for unpaid dues

Maintain list of facility rentals by date and user

Maintain Official Belwood Address List

Filing & archiving of financial information

Perform Swim Team end of year payroll reconciliation

Prepare and submit various agency forms, such as federal and state documents, insurance reconciliation

Electronic and physical backup of financial data

Ad Hoc letters/mailings as required

Ad hoc financial analysis as required

Assist with third party audit of books

Attend monthly board of directors meetings and occasional special meetings

**Requirements**

Excellent organizational skills

Comfortable with budgeting process and financial terms

Intermediate Microsoft Excel user (adept at pivot tables, formulas, etc)

Familiarity with Intuit QuickBooks accounting software

Own Email account

Own Windows PC with the following:

Windows XP or later

Microsoft Word and Excel

**Hours**

This is a part time position with flexible hours

Hours vary by quarter. Estimated to be between 10-35 hours per month, annual estimate of 225 hours total

Board of Director meetings are monthly, typically the third Tuesday of the month

**Compensation**

\$450/month salary

### **NEED HELP?**

Belwood Residents  
Free advice to solve home  
repair, maintenance or  
improvement problems.  
Call: Roy Chadwick  
356-5431

### **BEACH HOUSE:**

Aptos Beach House, spacious  
3BR/2 bath, short walk to Rio  
Del Mar/Seacliff Beach.  
Available year-round for  
monthly, weekly, mid-week,  
weekend rental. Call Sheryl at  
408-348-3237

### **KAUAI CONDO:**

Kapaa Kauai Hawaii Condo for  
rent. Located in the Pono Kai  
Resort on the East Shore  
Coconut coast. 2BR/2 bath on  
ground floor, facing beach. Full  
kitchen, dining and living  
rooms. Sleeps 6. Swimming  
pool, clubhouse, close to  
shopping. \$165/night.  
Call: Sal Leonardi 356-5205

### **NOTARY SERVICES:**

Charlene Border  
Home: 358-2818  
cnborder@comcast.net  
Member National Notary  
Assoc. \$10 per signature per  
document (CA fee schedule),  
no travel fees within Belwood

### **NOTARY SERVICES**

By appointment- no travel fees  
within Belwood, \$10 per  
signature per document  
(according to CA fee schedule)  
Georgia Ricco  
Home: 358-3482  
Cell: 206-1978  
thericcos@comcast.net

**Gutters, Roof, Plumbing,**  
You name it! I have a list of  
workmen who can help you.  
Call Gail Bordi

408-356-8647 or email  
gailbordi@yahoo.com

### **Cabana Noise**

As we enter summer, more and more homeowners are having parties at the Cabana Club. It is a great facility for your party, and we all can enjoy it. Sometimes, a party will run a bit long and you may not notice how loud it can be to the neighbors who live near the club. It is important to note that your party should quiet down after 10 PM, even if you are having it on a weekend. Not only does this demonstrate consideration for your neighbors, but it is also a requirement of the rental agreement and Los Gatos Town Code sec 16.20.010. You can still keep the party going late, but the lower noise will mean you will not be disturbing anyone. Your neighbors will thank you for being conscientious and complying with the quite hours.

Neighbors who are disturbed by late-night noise at the Cabana may wish to politely remind users of the hours by stopping by or attempting a phone call to the Cabana (358-2229). Most people, being good neighbors, will apologize and lower the noise immediately. Should the problem persist you can take additional action by calling the Los Gatos Police non-emergency line at 354-8600. The Belwood Board of Directors does not intervene in any neighbor disputes. Complaints left on the answering machine will not be heard until at least the next day, and the best we can do is to notify the homeowner who had the event about the problem.

This would be true for any Belwood resident who has summer parties. As a courtesy to your neighbors, and as a suggested guideline, outside parties should be brought inside by 10 PM.

### **ABANDONED VEHICLES**

Please note that the Town of Los Gatos can cite cars that have been parked in the same spot on the street for over 3 days. After that they may be towed. Make sure to move your car from time to time, and please consider donating or selling any you don't use.

Los Gatos Code: Sec. 15.40.065. Use of streets for storage of vehicles prohibited. (a) No person who owns or has possession, custody or control of any vehicle shall park such vehicle upon any street, alley or publicly owned parking lot for more than a consecutive period of seventy-two (72) hours. For the purposes of this section, a vehicle shall be considered to have been parked or left standing for seventy-two (72) or more consecutive hours if it has remained inoperable or has not been moved at least five-tenths of a mile or more during said seventy-two (72) hour period.

(b) In the event a vehicle is parked or left standing upon any street, alley or publicly owned parking lot in excess of a consecutive period of seventy-two (72) hours, any member of the Police Department may remove such vehicle from the street in the manner, and subject to the requirements of sections 22650 to 22652 and 22850 to 22854 of the Vehicle Code of this State.



## Oil Wells? In Belwood? By Jim Handy

It may come as a surprise to most of us that there was oil drilling as far north as Los Gatos. After all, that is a Southern California phenomenon, isn't it?

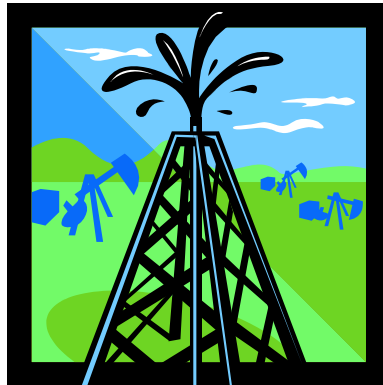
Well, the truth is that there were ten oil wells in the Los Gatos area around the turn of the last century, and one of them was right here in the Belwood neighborhood.

A USGS map found in 2000 shows that there was an "old oil well" near the intersection of Harwood and Belcrest. This map was drawn about 100 years ago, and there was oil exploration here as early as the 1860s, so there's no telling when it was drilled. In those days citizens weren't as circumspect about telling the state what they were up to as they are today.

I've looked around that intersection, and have found no trace of the well, but by the time these homes were built it may have been long gone, along with any traces of its existence.

Los Gatos was not much of an oil producer. There is no evidence of any commercial activity except in the Moody Gulch area on the other side of the summit. The USGS says that most wells on this side of the hill were used privately. Still it's interesting to think that a little part of this history happened right here in Bellwood!

If you want to know a little more about oil in Los Gatos, see my wife Mary's Los Gatos History blog at <http://LiveinLosGatos.RealTownBlogs.com/Los-Gatos-History>



The map on the next page shows Los Gatos "and" Almaden Road, Carlton Ave., Shannon Road, and a few other roads that still exist. The vertical line that crosses the tracks on the right (showing "Mt D" at the top) is the Mt Diablo Meridian, the line upon which Meridian Avenue in San Jose and Harwood Road are based. It's a surveying benchmark that runs through the peak of Mt Diablo.

The dot marked "Old Oil Well" is the well at Harwood and Belcrest.

The easement for the train tracks at the right ("SPRR Almaden Branch") is now Camden Avenue. The map's Ware Avenue is now Union Avenue.

Scale: 2 in. = 1.

