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EDITOR'S NOTE by Jackie Sandoval

Hi Belwood residents, the kids are back in school and we're gearing up for a busy fall, including the very popular **Halloween Party at the cabana club on Sunday, Oct 28** (details on page 3) The annual Homeowners Association Board elections will be happening soon, so if you'd like to get involved in the neighborhood (and meet some fun people, too), you can find out more by reading the article on Page 2. On a final note, **this will be my last Bellringer**. After ten years or so (with a one year break in the middle), it's definitely time to turn the reins over to someone else. We haven't had anyone step forward to take this volunteer job, but if you're interested, please let me know. It's a great way to meet your neighbors! (and it would be a shame if we had no newsletter!) Please contact me at jackiefs@comcast.net if you'd like to do it.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Bills

Folks, we need your help! We currently do not have the two or three volunteers needed to coordinate the annual Belwood Kids Halloween Party outside of the haunted house setup and ordering the supplies (those are covered). **Without additional help, there will be no party.**

What's involved? It's pretty simple – identifying volunteers for the various games / positions, coordinating day of set up / tear down, and ensuring the event is staffed the day of. The coordination effort is documented complete with a list of names, numbers and email addresses for folks who have volunteered in the past to help the day of. Prior coordinators are also available for questions and to provide direction. If you can help, please contact me – jpbills@gmail.com. Your neighborhood kids will thank you!

With kids back in school, lifeguards will only be on duty as needed (and available) on weekends through September (and probably only if the temperature spikes). There are a couple of important points to highlight:

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BELWOOD HOMEOWNERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2013 ELECTIONS

Calling all members! Here's a chance to have a rewarding experience while giving-back to the Belwood community. Contribute some of your time by sitting on the association Board of Directors. No prior skills are needed.

As per the Bylaws, which govern our Home Owners Association, the Board of Directors address the concerns of the Cabana Club & Pool, and we have 9 elected Directors each year. The goal of the Board is to help our Home Owners Association succeed in providing our community a great experience. In fact it was the Board of Directors, whom many years ago, invested some of the annual dues to making the pool an attractive place by removing the cyclone fencing and putting in the current pillared and wrought iron fence today. As well, just last year, it was the Board that invested in repairing and expanding the pool deck, and adding in updated lighting systems. The Board, or as one might call them, "conservators", have improved the experience and provided for a clean, friendly, and family oriented Cabana environment. In the end, this also helps our cumulative property values.

With that said, you probably would like to know about the commitment. It is pretty light on a general basis. We have a monthly meeting, which runs about an hour and a half on average, and is run by the President. The format is pretty straight forward, and the Directors are diligent, and respectful of each other's time and ideas. We discuss HOA and Cabana issues, make decisions, and move forward. The Directors are hardworking folks just like you, contractors, sales people, technologists, etc., but share a willingness to participate for a greater good of the community once a month. You don't need experience; you just need to care about your neighborhood.

Current and past board members find that they learn a lot, and that they can help in ways they didn't expect. They also make new friends. There are so many good people in this neighborhood with good ideas, it would be great if you share yourself to help the Belwood continue to be a great community to live amongst.

***Board members are elected by the association homeowners. Those interested in entering their name on the ballot should contact the current board secretary, Ed Sharpe (358-7661, edsharpe@comcast.net), by October 8th 2012.** Ballots will be sent out in mid-October. The results will be tallied at the November 20th Board of Director's meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *continued from page 1*

1. **The access gate to the pool area must remain closed at all times.** After you key through, please ensure this gate is firmly closed behind you. This is critical for the safety of our little ones who may be visiting the facility but as part of another party that isn't there to use the pool.
2. Use of the pool when lifeguards are not on duty is for *members only*. Please have your friends and extended family join you next year during lifeguarded hours.
3. Please help keep your facility safe. If you observe anything unsafe or visitors who do not belong, please call the Los Gatos Police to handle the situation. 354-8600.

Our Homeowners Association Board meetings are every 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Cabana beginning at 7:30pm. We'd love to see you there! Enjoy your fall season!

John Bills, President HOA
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BELWOOD'S HALLOWEEN PARTY—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

Calling all spooks and goblins! Dust off your costumes—the Belwood Halloween party is coming your way with frightful Halloween fun.



Here are the spooky details:

3:30pm: Games

4:00pm: Pizza & drinks for sale

5:00pm: Haunted house tours

6:00pm: End of party and clean-up

We will have all your favorite games (powdered donuts, anyone?), pizza, and drinks for sale. Admission is free, but donations are gladly accepted (and needed!)

Volunteers are needed to make this happen! If you can help (even if it's a few minutes for set up / tear down), please contact John Bills at jpbills@gmail.com. The more help we get, the better this event will be!!

TREASURER'S REPORT by Dave Klenske

Greetings all,

School is back in session, the cabana activities are starting to slow down, and the board is working hard getting things ready for next year. We're reviewing our reserve study, preparing the 2013 budget, and getting the annual mailing together. Our September meeting is where all of these are finalized for 2013. Now is a great time to attend a board meeting to learn more about how your homeowners association is run!

From a financial perspective, we successfully passed our annual financial review, performed by outside auditors. We continue tracking to budget, with no unexpected surprises. While the review is not as rigorous as an audit, it essentially tests the controls of the bookkeeping to ensure we have the money we claim we have and are spending the money in the manner we say we are.

From a reserve expenses standpoint, we've recently completed parking lot repairs and will soon be installing lights at the fence by the parking lot. This project was part of the pool deck replacement but was deferred for budgetary reasons. Because we knew we would be doing this, we are able to leverage the plans, drawings and permits pulled for the deck replacement. We chose to pull the project in a year because of uncertainty around possible new regulations and additional costs we might have to incur. We continue to contribute to the reserves as we expected to in our 2012 budget.

As always, feel free to contact myself or any board member with any questions, or better yet, attend one of our meetings!

Dave Klenske; Treasurer, Belwood Homeowners Association
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CALLING ALL DADS AND SONS! by Dave Klenske

Do you have a son between Kindergarten and Forth Grade? If so, you'll be excited to know the YMCA Adventure Guides 2012-13 season is upon us! Guides is a great way to bond as father and son, meet others in your neighborhood, and have lots of really cool adventures! Plans for the year include a spring and fall campout, laser tag, annual Los Gatos Christmas Parade float, and other fun activities. Meetings are held at the Belwood Cabana the **Third Thursday** of every month, and our Fall campout is the weekend of **September 21-23** Plan on attending our first meeting on **September 20** at **7 PM** to learn more, or contact me directly. (SEE THE FLYER ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER)

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SHOULD YOU GO SOLAR? ASK YOUR NEIGHBORS! By Jim Handy

Thinking of going solar? On Thursday evening, Sept 27, the Belwood Cabana will host a panel of neighbors to discuss their own solar experiences.

Three of your Belwood neighbors, Zeny Seid, Jim Culp, and Roger Kent, all of whom had solar installed in the past few months, will discuss why they went solar, how they chose a contractor, and what it has done to their power bills.

Each had a different approach, and each had their own reasons to choose to install solar panels on their homes.

This is an open meeting of neighbors talking to neighbors, not a sales pitch, although there will be representatives from two solar firms (Solar City and Sungevity) on hand after the panel to give details about what they have to offer.

Come to the Cabana Club Sept 27 at 7:00 PM to meet these neighbors and ask your own questions to help you decide whether solar power is right for you.

Feel free to call if you have any questions.

Jim Handy
105 Bacigalupi Dr.
356-2549

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. For photos, details and contact info, go to: <http://www.vrbo.com/33499>
Call: Sal Leonardi 356-5205

OAHU LUXURY TOWNHOME:

Fabulous, newly furnished Oahu townhome for rent. 3 BR, 3 BA + den, 1700+ square feet, 5 min walk to beach in the luxurious Coconut Plantation in Ko Olina. Perfect for families. See our website for pictures, details and contact info:

<http://www.koolinahome.com>

TAHOE DONNER RENTAL

Beautiful, spacious home in Tahoe Donner available for rent: 3 bedrooms, 2 bath & large loft (sleeps 6-11). Corner lot amongst pine trees, green belt behind & 700+ sq ft decking. Amenities: premiere golf course, fitness club/pools, tennis courts & more. Info & pictures go to: VRBO.com # 323668 & mention "Belwood Resident", or call Sue Ahmadian 356-5276.

MONTHLY EVENTS

Belwood Homeowners Board Mtg: Open to all Belwood members - Cabana Club - 7:30 pm, third Tues. of the month unless a change is posted on the bulletin board.

Santa Clara Valley Mineral /Gem Society:

Fourth Tuesday of the month.

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

Schedule Cabana Club:

Gina Wagner 358-2229

COMMUNITY ADS**Piano Lessons in Belwood**

Many styles including Pop, Rock, Folk, Jazz, Classical. Ages 8-80.

For more information call Crystal Nichols at 408 356-7290

Gutters, Roof, Plumbing, Tree Trimming

You name it! I have a list of workmen who can help you. Call Gail Bordi, 408-356-4624 or email gailbordi@yahoo.com

Babysitting & Pet Sitting Services

We are two sisters, Jenna (18 years old) and Andrea Goeke (16 years old). We have pet sitting and babysitting experience and would love to babysit your pet or children (over 2 years old). We live on Bacigalupi Drive so we are very close to your home.

Please call either of us at 356-4675.

Precision Locksmiths, Inc.

I have heard through Bellringer that there has been vandalism and burglary throughout the neighborhood. I own Precision Locksmith, Inc. and as your neighbor I would like to waive all trip charge fees with a free home security check. Please contact me with any of your security needs.

Precision Locksmith, Inc.
Office - (408) 377 5625
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The next newsletter will be in December 2012. Please email articles to John Bills at jpbills@gmail.com by **December 1, 2012.**

Y Adventure Guides



Redwood Circle, June 16, 2011

The Redwood Circle Invites you to join the Y Adventure Guides
Year-round fun for K-5th grade boys and their dads can be yours. Our recent activities included beach camping, rock climbing, laser tag, Los Gatos Holiday Parade, Pinewood Derby, sleepover on an aircraft carrier and summer BBQ's.



What is YMCA Adventure Guides?

The YMCA Adventure Guides program is designed to assist you and your son on your journey

of discovery. While activities with the whole family are important, we see tremendous value in supporting and strengthening the ability of a father and son to communicate at an early age in ways that are caring, honest, respectful, and responsible. We seek to encourage you as a parent to "get to know your kid while your kid is still a kid."

YMCA Adventure Guides is designed for dads and sons to participate together for most activities. As part of the Redwood Circle, you participate in activities to explore family values, nature, friendships, and fun!

Who Can Participate?

YMCA Adventure Guides is for fathers (or other significant male adults in the children's lives) and their sons ages five through eleven. An adult and

child must attend program activities together as a pair. In the YMCA Adventure Guides, the father is the Guide, and the child is the Explorer.

Come and Join Us!

We meet at the Belwood Cabana Club the **Third Thursday** of each month at 7 PM between

September and May. We have summer BBQ's that usually meet on a similar schedule.

Location:

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