

# BELWOOD BELRINGER

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

The board has been busy preparing for the 2020 Cabana season. We are looking forward to a fun and safe 2020 and hope that the homeowners are ready to enjoy the facility.

For 2020, the board is mostly focusing on facility maintenance projects. We are actively working on options for resurfacing/repairing the pool fiberglass, as well as replacing the pool skimmers. In addition, we are planning for irrigation system improvements and the addition of new trees to our existing landscaping.

As always, the board's mission is to: represent the best interest of the entire membership, manage the facility in a safe and sound manner to minimize financial and personnel risk, and to administer the facility in such a way, that it is viewed as an enhancement to living in the Belwood community. If you are interested joining the board, or if you just wish to learn more about our community, I encourage you to attend a board meeting. Board meetings are typically held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Cabana.

- Richard Renati, President, Belwood Homes Association

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

### Officer Election Results

The 2020 Belwood of Los Gatos Homes Association Board of Directors held its first meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> and elected the following officers:

President	Rich Renati
Vice President	Lloyd Grant
Treasurer	David Klenske
Secretary	Daniel Saban
Director	Vacant
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There are also two vacancies on the Board and we encourage anyone interested to drop in to an upcoming meeting (normally the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at the Cabana) or speak with any of the current Board members.

If you would like to view the current Belwood HOA by-laws, they are posted on the HOA website:

[http://www.belwoodhomes.org/ewExternalFiles/Belwood%20Bylaws%202017\\_10.pdf](http://www.belwoodhomes.org/ewExternalFiles/Belwood%20Bylaws%202017_10.pdf)

- Daniel Saban, Secretary, Belwood Homes Association

## BOARD VACANCIES

The Belwood HOA Board current has two vacancies and is looking for community members to fill those empty position.

- An HOA board member... protects the best interests of homeowners, helps preserve the value of homes in the community, and works to improve the quality of life for the residents.
- An HOA board member... receives personal and professional development, helps build their resume, acts as a member of a team, and gains a better understanding of laws and leadership
- An HOA board member... learns what happens 'behind the scenes' and helps direct efforts to better the community. They meet and get to know many of their neighbors.
- An HOA board member... attends one board meeting per month and spends a few hours each week on various board tasks.
- An HOA board member... uses their hobbies, previous experience, social skills, patience and curiosity to better themselves and their community.

To be eligible to serve on the Board, you must be a Class A member in good standing (i.e., you have paid your annual dues). Attend the next board meeting or email [mailto: hoa@belwoodhomes.org](mailto:hoa@belwoodhomes.org) to be appointed to the board. The current board member term runs through December, with terms lasting one year generally.

## BELWOOD NEWS AND EVENTS

### *Pool Update*

Pool will open for key holders on April 18

Lifeguards will be on duty beginning May 23-weekends only

Lifeguards daily beginning June 15

### **Pool Manager Position**

We are actively recruiting for the summer 2020 Pool Manager Position. This is a great opportunity for someone who is interested in public relations, communications, mentoring, and developing their managerial skills. Pool manager is responsible for scheduling and managing lifeguard and swim instructor staff, maintaining a safe and nurturing environment, scheduling and monitoring swim lesson program, organizing community 4<sup>th</sup> of July party, and regular communicating with Board of Directors. The Pool Manager must be a certified Lifeguard, and is an active member of the lifeguard and swim instructor staff for months of June, July, and August. Please contact Richard Renati at <mailto:hoa@belwoodhomes.org> if you interested in the position.

### **Lifeguards Wanted**

We are always looking for highly motivated staff to fill our lifeguard positions. If you are an experienced lifeguard, or are interested in becoming a lifeguard, it is time to sign up for a certification/re-certification (every 2 years) class. We will be hiring for our staff positions in April and May. Please contact Richard Renati at <mailto:hoa@belwoodhomes.org> if you interested in the position.

### *Daylight Saving Time*

	<p>Daylight saving time 2020 in California will begin at 2:00 AM on</p> <p><b>Sunday, March 8</b></p>
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## SWIM TEAM



### SWIM SCHEDULE 2020

Registration for the Belwood Dolphins swim team had ended, but you may still add your swimmer(s) to the waitlist. We've got a great group of swimmers this season! If you'd like to come down to the cabana to support the swimmers, or just want to know when the cabana is in use, below are the dates and times of practices and meets. There will be spirit events throughout the summer as well. One lane is always available for homeowners' use during practice. More information about the swim team can be found at <http://www.belwooddolphins.com/>.

#### Swim Team Practice Schedule

April 20 - 21	New swimmer tryouts
April 27 - June 4	Afternoon practices Mon- Thurs 3:45- 6:45
May 2 - May 30	Saturday practices 8:30-11:30
June 8 - July 17	Morning practice Mon-Fri 7:30-11:00

#### Swim Team Home Meet Schedule

May 29, 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Time Trials
June 6, 7:00 am - 1:00 pm	Almaden Gators @ Belwood Dolphins
June 27, 7:00 am - 1:00 pm	Montevideo Piranhas @ Belwood Dolphins
July 11, 7:00 am - 1:00 pm	Silver Creek Sharks @ Belwood Dolphins

## HISTORY OF THE BELWOOD SWIM TEAM

In 1969, teen friends/swimmers/coaches Sandy Mahin & Rosemarie Frame (18 at the time) thought that it would be a good idea to have a neighborhood swim team. However, the board of directors at the time thought that a swim team at the cabana would be a nuisance and take up too much swim time. But they persisted by asking to have a try out to see how many neighbors were really interested. The board agreed that they could have a swim team if there was enough interest, so signs were put up along the fences to advertise. 100 kids went to try out for the swim team that first year. The prerequisite for joining the team was that the child had to be able to swim one lap across the pool freestyle (for safety). They started out with 30 swimmers the first year. There were no lane lines, blocks, flags, or a starting gun that summer. All they had was the pool, but they had a blast!

### *50<sup>th</sup> Celebration*





*1971 Team Photo*



*1980 Team Photo*



*1990 Team Photo*



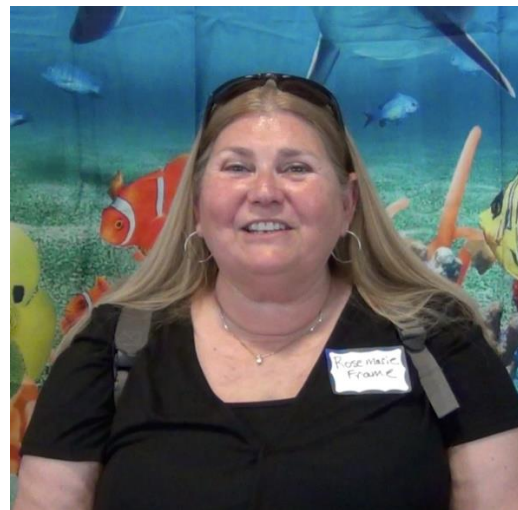
*2000 Team Photo*



*2010 Team Photo*



*Rosemary Frame*



*Coaches who attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration**Presidents who attended the 50<sup>th</sup> Celebration*

Since the creation of the team:

- The diving blocks were moved to the deep end of the pool.
- Swim suit styles (and hair styles) have changed.
- The team is now part of an official league called “Valley Cabana Swim League” and compete against the Almaden Country Club, Los Paseos Aquatic Club, Montevideo, Oaktree Park Swim Team and Silver Creek Country Club.
- The team size is capped at 150 swimmers each summer.
- Communication and registration is no longer all done by paper. (Shameless plug for [belwooddolphins.com](http://belwooddolphins.com))
- Lifelong friendships have formed.

Last summer, the team celebrated its 50th anniversary. At the party were alumni relay races, old photos on display, sharing of old stories, a slideshow, a photo booth, a video scrapbook, and special guest appearances by Rosemarie Frame, former coaches & presidents, and original team swimmers (including *The Belwood Babes*). It was a heart-warming sight to see original swimmers reconnect with each other as well as make new connections with current members.

For its fifty-first year, the team hopes to keep the fun going as well as keep the community connected.

Go Dolphins!

- *Courtesy of Debbie Sy, January 2020*



## RECIPE



### EGGS BENEDICT

This recipe is a quick and easy adaptation of the brunch favorite. It replaces the traditional, labor intensive preparation of the hollandaise with a simple method using an immersion blender (recommended) or counter top blender.

### INGREDIENTS

#### FOR THE HOLLANDAISE:

- ¾ cup (1 1/2 sticks) unsalted butter
- 3 large egg yolks
- 1 ½ teaspoons fresh lemon juice

#### FOR THE POACHED EGGS:

- 1 tablespoon white distilled vinegar
- 8 large eggs

#### FOR THE BENEDICT AND ASSEMBLY:

- 4 English muffins, split
- 8 slices Canadian bacon or thick-cut ham
- Salt (optional)
- Black pepper (optional)
- Sweet Paprika (optional)

### PREPARATION

*Make the hollandaise:* Melt butter in a small pot over medium heat until it's foamy but not yet beginning to brown, 3 to 4 minutes.

Place egg yolks and 2 teaspoons water in a blender. Start blending on medium speed, and slowly add melted butter until it's incorporated. Add lemon juice and stop blending. Transfer to a small bowl, and place plastic wrap directly on the surface so it doesn't form a skin. Set aside

*Toast the English muffins* until crisp and golden brown.

*Cook Canadian bacon* or ham (or bacon) in a medium skillet over medium-high heat until golden brown and just crisp at the edges, about 6 minutes.

*Poach the eggs:* Fill a medium pot with 3 inches of water. Add vinegar and bring to a simmer. Using the handle of a spoon or spatula, stir the water with a clockwise motion. Gently crack an egg into the center of the pot, letting the water swirl around it and allowing the white to envelop the yolk. Repeat with remaining eggs. After 4 minutes, lift an egg out of the water, and feel the white for firmness. Let cook until the whites are just set, but the yolks are still completely runny, 4 to 5 minutes. Once eggs are poached, remove them from the water and pat dry with a paper towel.

*Assemble the Benedict.* Place eight halves of English muffin on a plate. Top each with a slice of Canadian bacon, then a poached egg. Spoon hollandaise sauce over, salt and pepper to taste, and add a sprinkle of sweet paprika for color.

You can even add chives, spinach, tomato, avocado, bacon or crab to your benedicts.

## BELGATOS TANKS PROJECT

Most of you have probably noticed the heavy truck traffic in the neighborhood to and from Belgatos Park that has been going on for about three years.



**FIGURE 1. THE EARTHEN EMBANKMENT RESERVOIRS BEFORE THEIR REMOVAL.**

This is San Jose Water Company (SJW), working on upgrading what is commonly known as the Belgatos Reservoir Station located on SJW property adjacent to the Southwest corner of Belgatos Park. The \$24 million project includes the replacement of two earthen embankment reservoirs (Fig. 1) that were originally constructed in 1956 and had a storage capacity of 9.5 million gallons. Those earthen reservoirs had sustained roof damage due to strong winds and heavy storms during the rainy season, and had reached the end of their useful life. The reservoirs were taken offline in 2017, and removed in preparation for the capital improvement project at the station. The earthen reservoirs are being replaced with two 2.37 million gallon post-tensioned concrete tanks that will be partially buried when the project is complete. These potable water storage tanks will serve the surrounding community for generations to come.

The storage volume of the earthen reservoirs was larger than the demand in the Belgatos pressure zone. SJW's Engineering Department conducted a complete analysis to determine the storage capacity necessary to serve the system with the new tanks – taking into consideration many factors such as operational needs (zone inputs and additional storage capacity), water quality (water age), and usage demands (with population forecasting) – and concluded only about half the storage capacity is necessary to serve the zone.



**FIGURE 2. EARLY CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE REPLACEMENT TANKS. HERE YOU SEE THE TANK ON THE RIGHT WITH HALF OF THE SIDE ELEMENTS INSTALLED.**

Other considerations in the project are the more stringent building standards that exist now plus resilience to possible earthquakes.



FIGURE 3. COLUMNS INSIDE A TANK.

As mentioned, the project caused increased truck traffic through the neighborhood, and the paved access road through Belgatos Park that leads up to the reservoir site has also been fenced off and closed to the public since the beginning of the project. The Belgatos Tanks are for the storage of potable water. The water is treated to meet or surpass all drinking water standards before being distributed to customers.

After the earthen reservoirs were removed, the new tank foundations were cast (Figure 2). Prefabricated elements were installed on the sides and later reinforced with concrete. Inside the tanks multiple columns were raised to support the roof (Fig. 3), that was installed last.

The tanks are mostly complete now (Figure 4), but electrical, final grading, paving, landscaping, and miscellaneous site appurtenances still need to be completed.

San Jose Water has three different sources of treated water: imported, surface, and groundwater. Imported water purchased from Valley Water is Belgatos pressure zone's primary source of water, which can come from many different sources across northern California and is why Valley Water's water is called "imported."

San Jose Water commonly blends imported water with surface water from the Montevina Water Treatment Plant during the winter and spring. Surface water comes from several intakes in the Santa Cruz Mountains above Lexington Reservoir before being treated at the Montevina Ultra Filtration Plant. Occasionally during times of planned maintenance of Valley Water's infrastructure or emergency repairs of the imported water system, we will supply the Belgatos pressure zone with groundwater from a neighboring pressure zone.





**FIGURE 4. THE ALMOST COMPLETE TANKS.**

No additional work is needed that requires digging up the streets. However, repairs to the street in a few locations that were damaged by construction traffic will be done. The Town of Los Gatos is aware of these locations and agreed that waiting until the end of the project was the best course of action to prevent re-damaging any repairs made. The project is on target to complete by June 2020, significantly earlier than December 2020 originally anticipated.

I would like to thank Sharon Whaley, San Jose Water Co., for providing information and pictures for this article.

*- Courtesy of Bent Jensen, Belwood Resident*



## HEINZ OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS

A welcome improvement to Heinz Open Space has been completed courtesy of our local Boy Scout Troop 290 and Eagle Scout Will Wrappe. Near the summit of the Heinz trail is a lovely spot for a picnic lunch or dog walking break. You can also read about the former model train that Ralph Heinz built at the site, as well as find information about a previous owner of the hill, the bane of neighborhood pronunciation - James Bacigalupi. Currently the Town is also working to stabilize the viewing picnic bench on Valley View Trail, which may disrupt hiking for a few days.



## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### Belwood Ladies Water Fitness Class



Hi Ladies,

Belwood Ladies Water Fitness Class begins Tuesday June 2nd and runs through Tuesday August 25th

Class is held every Tuesday evening @ 7:00pm.  
(There is no class June 30th)

The cost is \$168 for the session. There is no pro-rating. Drop in fee is \$20 per class.

We need at least 10 people enrolled to hold this class, so please sign up soon! Tell you friends about it!

Reminder that you must know how to swim!

To register please contact me directly via email, text, or call at 408-655-5696.

Please mail check in advance to:

Cindy Adams  
1517 Willowmont Ave  
San Jose CA 95118

Looking forward to another fun and fit season at the pool with you!

Thank you,

Cindy Adams  
408-655-5696

<https://sites.google.com/site/cindyspilatesttraining/about-water-fitness>

### Mobile Car Detailing

Local Belwood teen, Parker Lamour has started a mobile car detailing business with another Belwood teen, Jack Bell. Spotless Luxury Detailing caters to people who are tired of paying \$40+ for a mediocre car wash as well as to professionals who don't have time to wait in line. Parker and Jack will come to your house as early as 8AM and will wash and or detail your car like new. (Check out their reviews on Nextdoor!). Help support local teen entrepreneurs. You can email at [spotlessluxurydetailing@gmail.com](mailto:spotlessluxurydetailing@gmail.com) or text to: 408-966-1940 or follow on Instagram @spotless\_luxury\_detailing for pricing and appointment slots.

### Belwood Homeowners Board Meeting

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

**Cabana Club Schedule**

Gina Wagner: 408-358-2229

**Belwood Community Forum on Facebook**

The Facebook page "Belwood Area Residents" is open to Belwood residents only. The group can be found [HERE](#). Click on 'Join Request' to join. If you have any comments or questions, you can send them to [bentjensen@yahoo.com](mailto:bentjensen@yahoo.com).

**Santa Clara Valley Mineral /Gem Society**

Fourth Tuesday of the month. Please call Kathy McChristian (Junior Program) 408.258.8400 or Frank Mullaney 408-266-1791

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## EDITOR'S NOTE



We encourage all who would like to volunteer for any event during 2020, to contact [hoa@belwoodhomes.org](mailto:hoa@belwoodhomes.org)

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