

## Help Shape the Future of Belmont Parks & Open Space

The City is currently drafting a revised Master Plan that will govern the management of Waterdog Open Space and all Parks & Recreation activities for the next 20 to 30 years! Covid 19 policies have greatly increased the number of park visitors, impacting our neighborhood and highlighting the importance of thoughtful planning and management going forward.

**This is your opportunity** to provide input on how you would like Waterdog managed or suggest Parks & Recreation projects and programs you'd like to see. To participate in the City's PROS **Online Survey**, visit [BelmontProsPlan.com](http://BelmontProsPlan.com) for more information or contact BHCIA at [BHCIA.email@gmail.com](mailto:BHCIA.email@gmail.com).



Waterdog Open Space provides a nearby opportunity to connect with nature.

## “Prescribed Burn” Planned for Open Space Behind Hallmark & St. James Homes Public Comments Accepted Until March 19



These meadows surrounding Belmont Heights are the planned site of a “prescribed burn”.

California’s Department of Forestry (CalFire) plans to burn the Crystal Springs open space west of Belmont Heights, between Hwy 280 and the homes. The area spans 384 acres – an area the size of the neighborhood itself – stretching from Hwy 92 in the north to the San Carlos hilltop in the south. This precedent setting plan proposes to begin burns this year. CalFire has declared there are “no significant impacts on the environment” and asserts there is no need for environmental study nor direct neighbor notification.

Read the agency document at [BHCIA.org](http://BHCIA.org).  
**Public comments are being accepted until March 19, 2021 and can be emailed to:**  
[sacramentopubliccomment@fire.ca.gov](mailto:sacramentopubliccomment@fire.ca.gov).

### March 17th Guest Speaker: *Wildfire & Native Habitat - the Balance*

Balancing wildfire safety and preparedness with protecting native habitat will be discussed at BHCIA's March 17 Board meeting (held on Zoom). The California Chapparral Institute's founder and director, Richard Halsey, will address Belmont Heights' unique area, highlight trends based on statewide historic wildfire data, and address actions that can make communities safer while protecting native habitat.

For meeting details visit:  
[BHCIA.org/meetings](http://BHCIA.org/meetings).

### BHCIA and City Honor Dick Green; *Former Belmont Mayor & BHCIA President*

A new park bench at Hallmark Park celebrating Dick Green’s 100th birthday on Oct. 4, 2020 was dedicated to thank him for his many past contributions and efforts in making our neighborhood what it is today. Dick was President of BHCIA during '79-'81 and '86-'87, a member of the City Planning Commission, City Council and Mayor of Belmont. He authored the book, "History of the Belmont Heights Civic Improvement Association - The First 25 Years" in 2009 which chronicles many events and neighborhood leaders who were important to the development and protection of Belmont Heights and our quality of life.





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## \*\* Reminder \*\*

### Become a 2021 BHCIA Member

Your \$20 annual dues support member initiatives, important resident updates, guest speaker program and more.

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Go Paperless?

Include listing in the BHCIA Directory? Yes  No

Renew Your 2021 BHCIA Membership Now

Join online at [BHCIA.org/members](https://BHCIA.org/members)

OR - Complete the form and mail it with a check for \$20 for the 2021 calendar year membership, plus any donation amount.

Please make checks payable to BHCIA and mail to: **BHCIA, 1025 Alameda de las Pulgas #516 Belmont, CA 94002**

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## Belmont Heights Youth Grant

BHCIA is offering Belmont Heights youth (up to 17 years of age) a grant of up to \$200 for a project that benefits the community, beautifies the neighborhood or helps others. Please email us your ideas, proposal and goals by April 30, 2021 (include your name and address) to: [bhcia.email@gmail.com](mailto:bhcia.email@gmail.com).

The winner will be decided by the BHCIA Board and announced at the May 19 Board meeting. Get creative and help benefit the Belmont community with your ideas!



Calling All Youth!!  
Submit Your Ideas!

