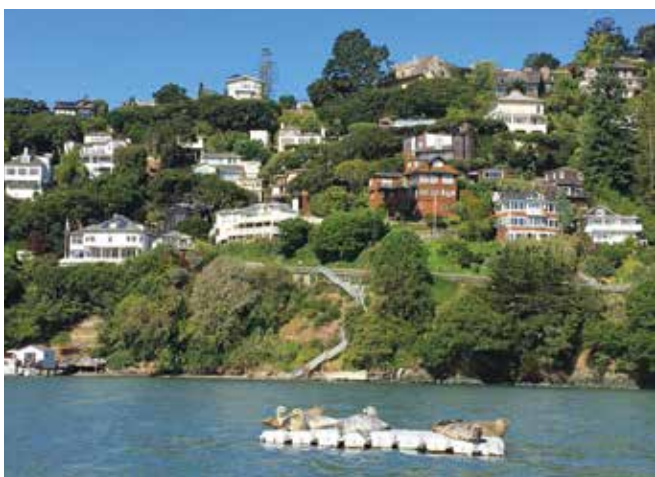
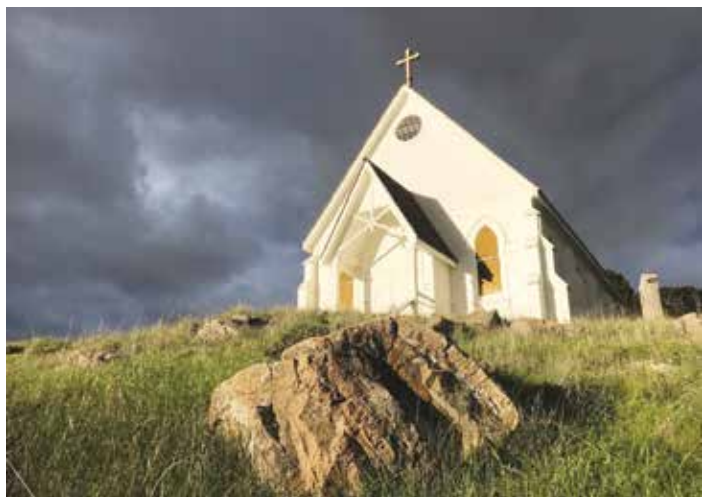




## 2020 NEWSLETTER

Sustaining the Legacy of Volunteer Public Service and Generosity

# BCF 2019 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS



Top left: Landscapes. “Stormy St. Hilary’s” **Chris Bisogni**

Top right: People & Events. “Heeling to Win” **Diane Smith**

Above left: Wildlife. “Relaxed in Belvedere Cove” **Melville Owen**

Above: Ages 5-18. “Belvedere Lagoon Sunset” **Hannah Ahmed**

Above right: Architecture. “A Beautiful View” **Katherine Holland**

Left: Black & White. “Play” **Bob Kahn**





### OUR MISSION

- To preserve and enhance the quality of life in Belvedere.
- To form an endowment fund with contributions from all of Belvedere’s citizens.
- To provide grants to support projects and volunteers working to enhance the quality of life in Belvedere.

### OUR VALUES

- To sustain the legacy of volunteer public service.
- To perpetuate the generosity of Belvedere’s citizens.

### OUR COMMITMENT

- To be a vital resource to sustain and nurture Belvedere’s rare and exceptional character.
- To support the energy and creativity of our citizens.

<http://belvederecommunityfoundation.com>

### LEARN MORE ABOUT BCF

Enjoy our recently updated website.

### DONATE SECURELY ONLINE

Make a donation securely by credit card,  
or mail a check to

P.O. Box 484, Belvedere-Tiburon, CA 94920

### APPLY FOR A GRANT

The Belvedere Community Foundation  
welcomes proposals for projects that help  
preserve Belvedere’s unique character and enhance  
the quality of life here. Application forms are online.

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2019 Photo Contest Winners, left to right: Chris Bisogni, Hannah Ahmed, Katherine Holland, Diane Smith, Mel Owen, and Bob Kahn

volunteers, both ad hoc and the Marin Villages cohort, who have helped the most vulnerable among us shelter safely in their homes. From volunteering to howling to dancing in the street as the Bandwagon rolls by, our community has demonstrated that it takes a village to survive a pandemic and enjoy life along the way.

Along with everyone else in the community, the Belvedere Community Foundation did a quick pivot when COVID-19 forced us all to change our lifestyles and priorities. Gone were the grants for graduation festivities and summer camps. We expect those to return when our community transitions to a post-COVID world. Fortuitously, some pre-COVID-19 grants helped local institutions make their own pivots, as they adapted their programs to a virtual world.

As we adjusted to sheltering in place, our thoughts turned to preparing for future disasters and disruptions. BCF formed an ad hoc committee to reach out to the City and the Belvedere Block Captains, resulting in a set of summer grants to help Belvedere react to the current situation and be better prepared for what is coming. Our Fall grant cycle continued this theme, focusing not just on preparation but on mitigation and recovery. We are proud to help our local institutions adapt and reopen, including helping our kids get back to their classrooms.

Please join us virtually for the BCF Annual Meeting, when we will celebrate the 2020 photo contest winners and remember a year like no other in Belvedere. Please also consider donating to the Belvedere Community Foundation general fund as we help our community weather these challenging times and look towards future needs.

*You Are Invited!*

## Join us virtually for the 2020 ANNUAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 19, • 7:00 pm  
Photography Contest and Business Meeting

To join our virtual Zoom meeting, visit our website:  
<http://belvederecommunityfoundation.com> and click on the *Join the Meeting* button.

## 2020 IN BELVEDERE: EXPRESSING GRATITUDE AND LOOKING FORWARD

This year has been unlike any other in modern memory.

We are so grateful for our beautiful community, where sheltering in place has hardly been a hardship. We love our expansive views, quiet lanes perfect for walking, and friendly (masked) neighbors. Thank you to our essential workers – police, firefighters, mail carriers, health care workers, City employees, maintenance and construction people, grocery and pharmacy clerks, delivery people, restaurant workers, and all others who have risked their own health to keep our residents safe, healthy, and fed. Another huge thank you to all



# BCF 2020 STAYING ENGAGED, REMAINING CONNECTED



Top left: **Sally Warren**, (L) **Peter Davis**, and **Shirley Hodges** at a 2019 Marin Villages event. All events are now virtual; Top Right: TPV member **Geri Kuhns** is happy to see volunteer **Matt Masson**; Above: Library events for Seniors are now available in virtual format; Below: **The Ranch** offers outdoor and virtual classes for adults and safe activities for kids, including Academy Club; Left: **Stan Meyler** (L) and **Andy McMillan** visit at Tom Price Park.



# BCF 2020 KEEPING CALM AND CARRYING ON



Top: The Bandwagon helps Concerts-in-the-Park bring music to Belvedere; Below and Right: Seventh Graders **Morgan** and **Adam Sicklick** demonstrate the new safety features at Del Mar; Far Right and Bottom Right: New screens and protocols protect Thrift Shop volunteers **Jean Lin** (L) and **Lisa Choy**.





# BCF 2020 VOLUNTEERING OUTDOORS



At Harvey's Garden (above and right), Trestle Trail (below) and Richardson Bay Audubon Center (bottom), volunteers now follow COVID-19 protocols to keep our Peninsula verdant.



# BCF 2020 REFLECTING BACK, LOOKING FORWARD



Clockwise from left: The Landmarks Society is publishing a new book, **Growing Up Belvedere**; Belvedere Police Chief **Jason Wu** demonstrates the new e-bike; **The China Cabin's** piers are due for replacement; Block Captains **Adam Gavzer** (L) and **Tom Cromwell** display a gas shut-off wrench





# 2019-2020 *Belvedere Community Foundation Grants*

## Children and Teens:

1. Support for **The Ranch** programs **Friday Night Hangouts**, **TeenWorks**, and **Academy Club**, an academic program for children of essential workers.
2. **RUSD** and **Reed Schools Foundation**: funds for safe reopening and to improve outdoor spaces. Support for Fall 2019, **Run For Reed**.
3. Speaker's honorarium for the **Del Mar Environmental Lecture** by **Doug Woodring**.

## Seniors:

4. Marin Villages campaigns to increase the presence of the **Tiburon Peninsula Village** through Ark advertising and social media.
5. Funding for **Bel-Tib Library** programs for seniors, including adding resources and classes and adapting other programming and services.
6. Scholarships for **The Ranch** to provide financial aid for classes for seniors living on fixed incomes.

## Parks, Environment, History:

7. Upgrades to the grounds and equipment at **Richardson Bay Audubon Center** to support its educational mission and increase sustainability.
8. **Trestle Trail** maintenance funds to help the **Green Team** keep the field of poppies and wildflower meadow beautiful and blooming.

9. **Harvey's Garden**, ongoing maintenance expenses to keep this beautiful demonstration garden at **Blackie's Pasture** looking its best.
10. Benches at **Tom Price Park** to facilitate social distancing.
11. Funds for **Belvedere-Tiburon Landmarks Society** reconstruction of China Cabin pilings and their new book, **Growing Up Belvedere**.

## Disaster Preparedness and Response:

12. **All In** emergency food assistance for low-income Tiburon Peninsula families facing food insecurity due to the pandemic.
13. **Belvedere Block Captains**: a set of grants to support disaster preparedness: masks to store in the emergency trailer and for current needs, gas shut-off wrenches for earthquake preparedness, an ice-maker for medical needs, and upgrades/replacements to the portable radio system.
14. **Belvedere Police Department**: an electric assist bicycle to allow an officer to reach areas of Belvedere that are blocked to traffic or inaccessible by automobile.
15. Support for **Tiburon Thrift Shop** safe reopening protocols.

## Just For Fun:

16. **Concerts-in-the-Park** is bringing music to Belvedere while conforming with social distancing requirements.