

Chef Antonio Mecheri Works to Preserve Historic Loch Lomond Road House and Pool

Amid Belwood Investments' Chapter 7 bankruptcy, Mecheri works to preserve an 80-year-old pool and a place where Lake County children can play.

MIDDLETOWN, CA, UNITED STATES, August 14, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Chef Antonio Mecheri is working to keep the historic Loch Lomond Road House, restaurant and swimming pool operating as uncertainty continues surrounding the Chapter 7 bankruptcy of Belwood Investments LLC.

Belwood Investments filed for bankruptcy in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California on March 18, 2026. The proceeding is now being administered under Chapter 7 as Case No. 8:26-bk-10849.

Mecheri operates the Loch Lomond Road House and oversees its day-to-day operations. The bankruptcy proceedings have created uncertainty for employees, local families and visitors who depend on the resort.

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Where do the children play?
At Loch Lomond, I see more
than a historic pool—I see
hope, family memories and
the future of our
community.”

Cat Stevens



Families gather at the historic Olympic-size Loch Lomond swimming pool, constructed in 1946 and celebrating its 80th year in Lake County, California.

Publicly available bankruptcy records reviewed as of August 13, 2026, do not establish that the Loch Lomond Resort, Road House or historic pool is currently in foreclosure. Other properties connected to Belwood Investments have been subject to creditor actions and motions for relief from the bankruptcy stay. Mecheri believes it is important to distinguish those proceedings from the current status of Loch Lomond.

"This historic place deserves a future," Mecheri said. "I am doing everything I can to keep the kitchen operating, the pool open and the community connected while the bankruptcy process moves forward."

Loch Lomond's mountain-resort history reaches back to the 1940s. California government planning records state that its Olympic-size swimming pool was constructed in 1946. Now marking its 80th year, the pool remains one of the resort's most recognizable landmarks and a gathering place for generations of Lake County families.

The pool and remaining historic structures are connected to the development of the original Loch Lomond Resort and the Prather family. A cultural-resources evaluation cited in California planning records identified the pool and lodge as potentially significant historic resources because of their association with the resort's early development and the Prather family.

For Mecheri, preserving Loch Lomond is about more than maintaining buildings. It is about protecting a place where children can swim, families can share meals and neighbors can come together.

"Where do the children play?" Mecheri asked. "Children need more than somewhere to go. They need a place where they feel welcome, where parents can relax and where families can make memories together. When I see children laughing and swimming in this historic pool, I do not see customers. I see the future of this community."

The Road House has strengthened its family-centered direction. The restaurant and pool continue operating without alcohol service, with an emphasis on children, parents, food, recreation and sober family experiences.

After investing substantial personal resources, labor and culinary experience into restoring operations, Mecheri says the children and families give him the strength to continue.

"I have asked myself during difficult moments why I do not walk away," Mecheri said. "Then I see the children in the pool and families sharing a meal. Some things are worth fighting for—not with anger, but with courage, patience and love. If everyone walks away when life becomes difficult, who will keep the gates open for the next generation?"

Mecheri's vision includes strengthening the Road House restaurant, protecting the historic pool, supporting children's activities and creating opportunities in hospitality, food, wellness and community programming.

He hopes to communicate constructively with the Chapter 7 trustee and other interested parties about continued operations and the property's future.

"I ask everyone involved to look beyond buildings, numbers and financial statements," Mecheri

said. "Look at the history, the families and the children in the water. Let us work together to protect the Road House, the pool and the spirit of Loch Lomond."

The Road House kitchen and historic pool remain open to the community, subject to posted hours and policies.

About Chef Antonio Mecheri

Chef Antonio Mecheri is a Lake County chef, restaurateur and hospitality operator. He operates the Loch Lomond Road House and oversees resort operations while working to preserve its culinary, recreational and community traditions.

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