



Beresford/Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

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January General Meeting - Hillsdale High! Sewer Repair

Cheryl Lawton
Hillsdale High School
Co-Principal

TUESDAY, January 17th
7:30 PM

Beresford Recreation Center
(28th & Alameda)

note: member votes may be taken

Did you know that a nationally recognized model for school reform is used right in our neighborhood? Hillsdale High School, praised for its "small learning communities" and its focus on every student being "college-ready", is an asset for our area. Enrollment deadlines for Fall 2012 are fast approaching. Co-Principal Cheryl Lawton will update us on the school's achievements, programs, physical upgrades and more.

Switching gears, **Sheri Cost-Batis of SM Public Works** will present details on how you can benefit from the city's new program for private sewer lateral maintenance and repair. Our homes are aging, which can mean sewer problems. You don't have to "go it alone" when faced with these problems. Something for everyone! Please come, bring your questions and learn from our knowledgeable speakers.

BHNA general membership meetings are every 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm-9pm

BHNA Elections This Month

In January we elect Officers and Directors for 2012. We need you there to vote, so we can move forward. Please attend and support our new leadership.

November Meeting Recap

The Board of Directors reminded everyone that elections will be held in January and that even if you cannot make a commitment to join the board at this time there are other volunteer needs that require less of a time commitment.

Those attending the meeting were treated to a presentation by Mitch Postel from the San Mateo County Historical Association and his book titled "Centennial History of the City of San Mateo". Some members brought in copies of the book to the meeting for Mitch to sign. Mitch discussed the Association's museum housed in the Old County Courthouse in Redwood City.

Mitch went on to explain there are approximately 20,000 museums in the USA, with only 800 of them being accredited, with the Association's being one of the 800. The old courthouse was designed by a Texan named Glenn Allen in 1910. At the time San Mateo County was very rural with a population of approximately 12,000, equivalent to the current population of Half Moon Bay. The stained glass dome in the old courthouse is the largest one on the West Coast. The new courthouse was built in 1950 and houses 5,000 county employees. Fortunately the old courthouse was not torn down and instead has a \$20 million restoration and earthquake upgrade preserving the San Mateo County gem.

Holiday Raffle Results

BHNA member, Kathy W., was the lucky one at the November meeting. She won a gift certificate, generously donated by Piazza's Fine Foods in the Laurelwood Center. Thanks, Piazza's, for your annual support, and congratulations to Kathy.

Have You Sent in Your 2012 Dues?

Well over half of our members have responded to November's request to renew their dues. If you have not, there should be a reminder slip enclosed in this month's newsletter. Won't you please take a moment to send it back with your \$12 check? Help keep our association going strong by renewing for 2012.

Not sure if you need to send dues now? If you only received this newsletter via email, your dues are paid for 2012. If you received this newsletter via US Mail, check the address label. It shows your "paid thru" date in the upper right hand corner.

Does your newsletter arrive late?

The newsletters are usually delivered to the USPS bulk mail facility the first Friday of the month, and should be delivered by the following Tuesday. If yours is coming later, please let the newsletter editor know. Or, you may want to consider email delivery – earth friendly, cost saving and reliable.

General Meeting Questionnaire Update

Well over 100 members took the opportunity to fill out the questionnaire we sent in November. Many said an "interesting program" is what they are looking for, and gave us ideas for our planning. Thank you. Still have your form? Please send it back this month, or contact any Board member about your ideas.

Building A Healthier & Safer San Mateo County

On January 13th from 8am-12pm, join Assemblymen Jerry Hill (San Mateo) and Richard Gordon (Menlo Park) in a lively half-day community conversation to explore new ways that we can work together to build a healthier and safer San Mateo County. Event will include panel presentations and discussions by local county representatives. For up to date information including exact location, panel presenters and RSVP info, you may contact Deputy County Manager, Mary McMillan at (650) 363-4129.

Energy Savings and New Special Financing Program!

The State, San Mateo County, Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and PG&E are collaborating on the Energy Upgrade California program. This statewide program offers rebates of up to \$10,000, plus low-interest financing to San Mateo County homeowners to make energy efficiency upgrades to their homes. For more information go to www.EnergyUpgrade.CA.org.

Measure G on the November 8th ballot

Measure G, the proposed general plan and municipal code modification to the city-required developer's affordable housing program narrowly failed to pass on November 8th. This means that the original requirements, voted in through Measure H (1991), and Measure P (2004), are still in effect. (BHNA endorsed both.) The Council has voted to continue to enforce the requirements of that existing program.

Safe Disposal of Expired Medications

Please drop off all expired prescription and non-prescription medications at the San Mateo Police Department headquarters located at the intersection of Saratoga and Hillsdale, close to Whole Foods. Please do not dispose of these medications by flushing them away, pouring them down the drain or disposing of them in your trash. These practices can contaminate our waterways and the ongoing landfill leaching processes which ultimately will impact our drinking water.

Thank You to the 2011 BHNA Officers & Directors

A big *THANK YOU* to the 2011 BHNA Officers and Directors for all of their contributions to our neighborhood.

Favorite Neighborhood Merchants

I recently visited the San Mateo Medical Market at 53 W. 43rd. It was my first visit to the store and my experience was very good. They opened about 9 months ago and it is a friendly, family run store. They have a large variety and assortment of medical supplies (i.e. walking aids, patient care, specialty household assistance items, etc.). The staff there was very helpful, knowledgeable, and truly caring. To top it off, their prices were very reasonable! They also have a website, www.medmartusa2.com, which you can order from and have items shipped directly to your home. It's nice to have a store like that right in our own neighborhood. *Mike, Ensenada Way*

If you have a favorite shop or business in our neighborhood, write to us and tell us what makes it your favorite. email: newsletter@beresfordhillsdale.org or BHNA, P.O. Box 6764, San Mateo, CA 94403

2011 BHNA Officers & Directors

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