



Beresford/Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

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November 2012

Health Services in San Mateo: Bob Merwin and Crispin Delgado

TUESDAY, November 20th
7:30 PM

Beresford Recreation Center
(28th & Alameda)

November General Meeting – Community Health Services

Bob Merwin, CEO of Mills-Peninsula Health Services, and Crispin Delgado, the Health Policy Initiatives Manager of Get Healthy San Mateo, will be speaking about changes and opportunities in health services in San Mateo.

Bob Merwin will tell us about the changes to the Standby Emergency Department (ER) at Mills Health Center. Crispin Delgado will outline plans to improve the health of all residents, including preventing childhood obesity.

Come and bring a neighbor to learn more about medical services in our community.

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

Holiday Prize Drawing

Our November meeting includes our annual prize drawing. Members attending can win a gift certificate from Tannourine, a popular Mediterranean restaurant located at 120 W. 25th Avenue, or a gift certificate from Piazza's Fine Foods, located in the Laurelwood Shopping Center. Thanks to both local businesses for their support.

Upcoming BHNA General Meetings

December – No meeting and no newsletter (Winter break)

January 15th, 2013 – SM Deputy Mayor David Lim, plus BHNA Board election

February 19th, 2013 – History of the Peninsula Golf and Country Club

March 19th, 2013 – Darcy Forsell, City of San Mateo Associate Planner

October Meeting Recap

In the past few years, San Mateo has taken many steps to ensure an improving and stable financial future. At the October Meeting David Culver, Finance Director for San Mateo, explained how San Mateo generates revenue and decides where to spend that money. The City Council actually has little authority to increase revenue in San Mateo. Dave explained that while businesses provide services to create revenue, the government is the opposite: they create revenue in order to provide services. But what is that revenue used for? Dave explained that seventy five percent of the city's annual \$150 million budget is used for labor costs. A community development block grant is the only federal money that San Mateo receives, so the city's largest source of funds actually comes from general retail taxes from businesses in San Mateo, and half of San Mateo's hotel motel tax revenue comes from the Marriot Hotel. Most of all, David Culver emphasized that San Mateo is in comparatively good financial shape!

David Culver welcomes questions from residents. Call him at 650.522.7102 or send an email to dculver@cityofsanmateo.org.

Membership Renewal Time

We are mailing this November newsletter to every BHNA member household whose dues expire next month. If this applies to you, a membership slip and a pre-addressed envelope are enclosed. When you respond before January 1st, you save BHNA costly repeated reminders and extra work for our member volunteers. Be a part of this much appreciated group! Before this gets lost in the holiday rush, please return the slip and your \$12 check (per household). Some members renew for multiple years, which is very convenient for them and very easy for us. One year or more, it's up to you.

Not sure if you need to send in dues now? Check your address label for the "paid thru" date in the upper right hand corner. If it says 2013 or later, you are paid up for next year, so no action is necessary.

Thinking of Adding a Cat to Your Family?

The Peninsula Humane Society has a special deal from now through Christmas. All of their usual cat and kitten adoption services (counseling, spay/neuter, vaccinations, micro chipping, and health and behavior screenings) are available without fees. Instead, they suggest a donation of any amount. The services are a bargain; the new pet – priceless. Call 650.340.7022 for more information.

BHNA Newsletter Labels

Do you know how to create mailing labels? If so, we need your help creating labels for the monthly newsletter. We have one person preparing labels now, but we need another as backup. Are you able, and willing to help with this task?

BHNA Leaders for 2013

Do you balance your personal checkbook? If so, you have the skills to be the BHNA Treasurer for 2013! Finances not your strength? You still have opportunities to help. Every January, we elect our Board members for the upcoming year, so we are contacting members now, asking for nominations. We are looking for members to fill the Vice President, Treasurer and at least one Director slot. One Board member will also work with our intern to produce our newsletter. BHNA is a volunteer organization, which stays strong when members pitch in. Call any current officer or email president@beresfordhillssdale.org to discuss how you can help in 2013.

Upcoming Events

In November and December, you can attend a "Get Ready" basic disaster preparedness class, the PHS brings their mobile pet adoption center to Hillsdale Mall, and most city facilities are closed for holidays.

November 11th: Main library closed.

November 12th: Veterans Day observed. City hall and all city facilities closed.

November 15th: 7-9 PM. Basic disaster preparedness training at the Beresford Recreation Center. Register at www.erecreg.com or call 650.522.7960 for info.

November 17th: 12 to 3 PM. PHS mobile pet adoption at the Hillsdale Shopping Center. Come meet adorable shelter animals looking for a loving home.

November 23rd: City Hall and city facilities closed. Main and Marina libraries open.

December 15th: PHS mobile pet adoption (see Nov 17th above).

December 23rd: Main library closed.

December 24th: Libraries closed, city hall and other city offices open.

Crime Alert from SMPD

There has been a recent trend in fraud reports in San Mateo. The potential victim receives a phone call from a "bill collection agency". This is a ploy to get the victim to provide the caller with vital personal information. The suspect usually tells the victim they have a debt that must be paid. The SMPD advises you not to give any personal information over the phone and to always require written documentation of any debt collection. Do not fax any personal information to the caller. Contact the SMPD Dispatch at 650.522.7700 if you believe you are a victim of fraud or Detective Ernst at 650.522.7664 if you have any questions.

Planning to Hire a Contractor?

Most of us know to ask for a State Contractor's License Number when hiring a contractor. But did you know that the number could be useless? Thoroughly check the number as it may reveal continuing problems, have expired, or not even belong to the person you are considering for the job! Be safe, not sorry, when you hire someone to do work at your home. You can find out more information at the California Consumer Affairs website, www.checkthelicensefirst.com.

Favorite Neighborhood Merchants

Uncle Chen's on 42nd Ave and across from Mollie Stone's is a great restaurant that features great Chinese items on their menu. Their walnut prawns and asparagus beef are two examples that are especially tasty. They also serve free ice cream for dessert with each meal. Prices are reasonable. Stan, 29th Ave.

If you have a favorite shop or business in our neighborhood, let us know. Call or email the newsletter editor (see below).

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