



Beresford/Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

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April 2012

April General Meeting – San Mateo County Event Center

San Mateo County Event Center General Manager Chris Carpenter comes to BHNA this month to share potential improvements at their site. The Center is the Bay Area's "top destination" for consumer and trade events, meetings, festivals, corporate events, sporting events, the San Mateo Jockey Club, and much more. They will host the County Fair from June 9-17.

GM, Chris Carpenter

What's proposed on the Event Center site?

**TUESDAY, April 17
7:30 PM**

Beresford Recreation Center
(28th & Alameda)

note: member votes may be taken

The Event Center is looking at future growth to benefit the community. They have hired consultants to look at the feasibility of a new conference center and hotel on their "campus". The goal is to expand the operation with state of the art facilities to allow the Event Center to remain competitive in the Bay Area. Chris' appearance is part of the Center's commitment to keeping the community up to date, as they move forward with their long range planning. Come with your questions, and learn what is being planned.

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

Upcoming BHNA General Meetings

May 15th – BHNA visits the new Fire Station 23, located at Edison and 27th Avenue. Planning to come? See important information on page 2.

June 19th – BHNA is going to the dogs! The San Mateo PD canine unit visits, plus a speaker from Peninsula Humane Society/SPCA talks about living with (or near) companion animals.

July 17th – Annual Summer Social, with the Tarabytes returning to entertain us.

March Meeting Recap

Long anticipated construction is starting at Bay Meadows, according to Associate Planner, Darcy Forsell, at the March BHNA meeting. Streets, lighting and underground utilities are in. There's already a pond, as an amenity, and a key storm water retention and firefighting supply feature, in the "Interim" community park. Originally the developer was to pay the city \$1 million to develop that park. Now, they are building it for the city, at a value closer to \$2 million. Town homes adjacent to Saratoga will start construction mid-year. Look to tour the model homes late this summer! And the long anticipate connection of Delaware to Pacific Boulevard (from 25th to Hillsdale) should also start this year.

Half of the approved housing on the old Police Station site (60 units of the lowest rent below market rate family housing) should also start construction this summer. Built and managed by Mid Pen Housing, they will make a small dent in local residents' demand for affordable housing in San Mateo.

On El Camino Real, a model project between 28th and 31st has finally been approved by Caltrans (which control ECR). By the holiday shopping season, residents should be enjoying 10' wide tree lined medians, improved pedestrian safety and intersection enhancements at 31st. It's been a long time coming, but should be worth the wait.

Darcy Forsell can be reached at dforsell@cityofsanmateo.org or 650.522.7209.

Fire Station tour May 15th – Reserve your place

Anticipation is building about the opportunity to tour new Fire Station 23 on May 15th. Because the fire station operates 24/7, BHNA will need to manage attendance. Also, parking around 27th and Edison is virtually all red curbed, for safety reasons. Think about walking or carpooling. To be fair to all, we are giving plenty of advance notice on how to reserve your place on the tour. **Please contact Kitty Van Beckum** (see back page) **no earlier than noon on Monday, May 7th**. She'll need the telephone number and the name(s) of members who wish to come. Thank you.

Free WiFi

When you think of free WiFi, the Downtown, Marina and Hillsdale libraries may come to mind. Did you know that the Senior Center, at 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas, is also a free WIFI location? Stop by and connect in a relaxed atmosphere. And unlike many other "free" spots, no purchase is required!

Going to the dogs - June 19th

Two interesting speakers will be presenting at the June meeting. One will be an officer from the San Mateo Police Department canine (K-9) unit. San Mateo is one of the few Peninsula-based cities to have a K-9 unit. Bring the entire family and learn how dogs assist our officers with law enforcement in our city. The other will be from our Peninsula Humane Society/ SPCA. This talk will also focus on how animals help to make our city a better place to live. For example, what should you do if there is an aggressive dog living near you? PHS/SPCA will outline programs to address animal related issues and how you can benefit knowing about them.

Outstanding Home Maintenance Awards

Congratulations to the Cullinan family at 2500 Dolores Street! The BHNA Board of Directors selected their home as an example of "outstanding home maintenance" in our neighborhood. The Cullinans, along with homeowners from other San Mateo neighborhoods, received a commendation from the City Council on April 2nd. The City of San Mateo cable channel 26(Astound) or 27(Comcast) will feature all of the honored homes as part of this month's broadcast announcements.

Struggling with Recology Carts?

Are you, or a neighbor, having trouble putting the Recology carts at the curb for pickup? Recology offers customers several solutions. If customers are physically unable to handle the carts, Recology will provide free "Special Handling Collection Service". An application, and proof of disability, is required. Need smaller, easier to handle recycling (blue) and compost (green) carts? They are available as small as a 32-gallon size. Remember that you can also order a garbage can as small as 20 gallons, and pay even less for your service. Still want the large carts, but don't want to put them at the curb? Ask about "Backyard Collection Service", for an extra monthly fee (\$20+). For more information about any of these services, contact Recology at www.recologysanmateocounty.com or 650.595.3900.

Safe Disposal of Expired Medications

Please drop off all expired or unwanted prescription and non-prescription medications at the San Mateo Police Department headquarters, located at Franklin Parkway and Saratoga Drive, near Whole Foods. The bin is always available, just outside the front door. Please do not dispose of medications by flushing them away, pouring them down the drain, or putting them in your trash. That contaminates waterways and landfills, which ultimately will impact our drinking water.

Favorite Neighborhood Merchants

The Vinyl Solution, on 25th Avenue for over 25 years, sells new and used records, tapes, CDs, music equipment, posters, videos, and DVDs. You can also buy/trade merchandise. They have started up free live entertainment again, on a monthly basis. It's a lot of fun! Call 650.571.0440 for details. – Mike, Ensenada Way

If you have a favorite shop or business in our neighborhood, let us know. Email: newsletter@beresfordhillssdale.org or BHNA, P.O. Box 6764, San Mateo, CA 94403.

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