



## Beresford/Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

[www.beresfordhillsdale.org](http://www.beresfordhillsdale.org)

July 2012

### July General Meeting – Summer Social Fun For All

#### **BHNA's Annual Summer Social**

#### **The Tarabytes Return!**

**TUESDAY, July 17<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 PM**

Beresford Recreation Center  
(28<sup>th</sup> & Alameda)

*note: member votes may be taken*

It's here! If you have been looking forward to BHNA's Annual Summer Social all year, wait no longer! On July 17<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting our members at the annual get together. It is a great opportunity to talk with neighbors, get reacquainted or finally meet a person you've only seen from across the room. Enjoy cake and ice cream from local merchants, and then sit back and relax while listening to live entertainment. You may even have an opportunity to sing along!

This year, the Tarabytes return to perform acoustic versions of popular music from the 60's. If you enjoyed them last year, here's a chance to hear them play again. If you missed them, this is your opportunity to listen to a very talented group. What fun! See you there!

*BHNA general membership meetings are every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm-9pm*

### Upcoming BHNA General Meetings

**August** – No Meeting (Summer break)

**September 18<sup>th</sup>** – How does the San Mateo County Elections Division safeguard your vote from the ballot to the final tally?

**October 16<sup>th</sup>** – City of San Mateo Finances

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** – Health services for our community - San Mateo County Health Center and Mills Health Center

**December** – No meeting (Winter break)

### June Meeting Recap

"Ben" – a beautiful 5½ year old all black German shepherd – has stolen our hearts! This hard working K-9 "officer" and his partner, SMPD Officer Jimmy Chan, were a hit at our June meeting. Officer Chan described Ben's talents in narcotics detection, tracking, suspect search and handler protection, and then, to top it all off, Officer Chan put Ben through his paces with a demonstration of a narcotics search. This dynamic duo has trained together for hundreds of hours to serve our citizens.

Ken White, Peninsula Humane Society/SPCA president since 2002 also spoke at the meeting. Ken is proud to say that San Mateo County has become "just about the safest place for an animal to be". Since 2003, PHS assures that no medically and behaviorally sound animal will be put to death. Under contract with cities and the County, PHS provides animal control services like first response for animals in a crisis, housing for strays, assisting police departments and quarantining animals at the Coyote Point facility. They employ 5 veterinarians who provide a public low cost spay and neuter clinic, as well as services to the resident animals. Ken is justifiably proud of the new state of the art PHS facility at 1450 Rollins Road in Burlingame, where they house the pet adoption program, wildlife rehab, and education. Last year PHS saved the lives of over 6,500 animals in our county. It's no wonder over 1,400 volunteers want to help, and over 24,000 households support PHS. More info can be found at [www.peninsulahumanesociety.org](http://www.peninsulahumanesociety.org). Watch future newsletters for more information from Ken White.

### San Mateo Traffic Alert – Delaware and Birch

Have you come upon an intersection closure at Delaware and Birch yet (just north of the main post office)? This detour is expected to continue, 24/7, for about six weeks. PG&E is installing a safer natural gas pipeline valve, which can be closed remotely or will close automatically when a significant change in pressure is detected. You may want to plan to avoid this area, but if you must use that part of Delaware, there will be detours and traffic flaggers to help traffic flow. Please allow for delays when driving near there.

## National Night Out - August 7<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 9 PM will be the annual community event, National Night Out - "Making San Mateo Safer and Stronger Block by Block". Residents are encouraged to get together to know each other better, raise crime awareness and strengthen neighborhood spirit and unity. Turn on your porch lights to show your support, have your coffee or dessert on the front lawn with your neighbors, or plan a block party. Register your event with SMPD for a visit by an officer or other City personnel. Contact John Rink Sr. at 650.522.7744 or see [www.cityofsanmateo.org](http://www.cityofsanmateo.org).

## BHNA Website "Help Wanted"

BHNA needs help maintaining our website. If you are comfortable with the Internet, you can easily learn the Go Daddy and WordPress process it takes to complete this job. The estimated time required is less than an hour a month. Please contact an officer to discuss this opportunity to keep our BHNA website up and running.

## Central Park Summer Concert Series is Underway

The City of San Mateo again sponsors Thursday night concerts in Central Park from 6 to 8 PM. Enjoy music with your family and friends. It's sure to be a great time!

July 12<sup>th</sup>: Rebel Yell – hits from the 70's and 80's to today

July 19<sup>th</sup>: Julio Bravo – SF salsa with a Peruvian twist

July 26<sup>th</sup>: California Cowboys – foot stompin' fun

August 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bud E. Luv Orchestra – you'll think you're in Vegas

August 9<sup>th</sup>: Busta-Groove – popular party band playing 40 years of hits

## BHNA Opposes Peninsula High Move to Hillsdale High School

The San Mateo Union High School District Board is considering the possible relocation of Peninsula High School from its current site at Crestmoor in San Bruno to the Hillsdale High School campus. They believe that there is "surplus land" at HHS. Plans for relocating Peninsula HS to our city are opposed by our Police Chief and City Council. The PTSO at Hillsdale has also voted against the move. The ad hoc group of school and community members, Hillsdale Community Action Group, has gathered over 1,000 signatures opposing the move. Their Facebook site is [www.facebook.com/HillsdaleHighCommunityActionGroup](http://www.facebook.com/HillsdaleHighCommunityActionGroup). The BHNA Board has been following this issue and is in close touch with both of these groups.

Last month, BHNA took a formal position opposing locating PHS on the HHS campus. Some individuals may express other reasons, but BHNA's opposition is based on our position established two years ago. Well before any talk of PHS relocation here, BHNA formally asked the district to remove any HHS land from consideration as "surplus". Any available land is small and awkwardly shaped for use by a separate school. Current enrollment trends, combined with future students coming to Hillsdale from Bay Meadows, will increase the population at HHS, requiring expansion. The recently established parking area off the Alameda has provided relief to adjacent residents, who were repeatedly impacted by athletic activities during school and on the weekends. We oppose jeopardizing that parking. If you have any questions about this, please contact one of our officers. The school district is planning to take a position in the fall, so now is the time to express your individual feelings. Please write the School Board at 650 N. Delaware St., San Mateo 94401, call 650.558.2299, or email to the Board addresses you can find at [www.smuhsd.org](http://www.smuhsd.org).

## Favorite Neighborhood Merchants

One of my favorite local restaurants is Oceanic Chinese Food on El Camino near 25th Avenue. Originally China House with its distinctive round entrance, it was completely updated seven years ago. The food is always good, presenting a variety of tasty dishes at reasonable prices. They have great service, and they offer free San Mateo delivery. *Mike, Ensenada Way.*

**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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