



Beresford/Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

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June 2012

June General Meeting – San Mateo PD Canine Unit and the Humane Society

Bring the family to meet Officer Travis Barker and K-9 Officer Borry. Borry is one of the two dogs on the San Mateo Police force who assists our officers with law enforcement in San Mateo. Learn how Borry searches buildings and yards to track suspects, and how he is deployed to sniff out illegal narcotics. You will hear about the training that Officer Barker and Officer Borry undergo to take on this unique law enforcement role.

**Officer Travis Barker + Borry,
Scott Delucchi – PHS**

BHNA Goes to the Dogs!

**TUESDAY, June 19
7:30 PM**

Beresford Recreation Center
(28th & Alameda)

note: member votes may be taken

Then Scott Delucchi, Senior Vice President of the Peninsula Humane Society of San Mateo, will explain recent developments at the Humane Society that can positively impact San Mateo residents. Some of the services available to residents include microchipping, low cost spay/neuter, pet loss grief support, and obedience classes.

Scott will also answer questions like: What percentage of healthy cats and dogs does the Humane Society place in new homes? Is the Peninsula Humane Society a "no kill" shelter? Why won't the Humane Society come out and trap the raccoon family in my yard?

If you live with or near animals, please come. Bring your neighbors and your questions for an informative evening.

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

Upcoming BHNA General Meetings

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

August – No Meeting (Summer break).

September 18th – Meetings resume. Please hold the date.

May Meeting Recap

Fire Station 23, located at 27th Avenue and Edison Street, was the site for our May meeting. Battalion Chief Mike Borean and the on duty crew gave us a warm welcome to the new facility, which replaced the original one built in the 1950's. We were given a very informative tour of everything from the roomy kitchen and the individual sleeping rooms to the fire engine, which carries many important tools like the various fire hoses and the specialized medical kits for immediate paramedic response. The building is state of the art and very "green". Water conserving devices are used throughout, and solar tubes bring bright natural light from the roof into interior rooms.

Dispatchers in Redwood City send fire response throughout the County. The closest available response is sent, regardless of city borders. The average on scene time is four minutes. San Mateo is consolidating administration with Foster City. The Battalion chiefs are headquartered at Station 23, which is the backup emergency center for the city.

Many thanks to Battalion Chief Mike Borean, the Station 23 crew, and all of our firefighters, for keeping our neighborhood safe.

Thank You Dr. Landucci

Respected orthodontist (and long time BHNA member) Dr. Al Landucci, whose office is next to Station 23, made the parking on his site available for our May tour. The close in parking, in an area that is mostly red curbed, really helped. Thanks, Al.

Relocation of Peninsula High School

The San Mateo Union High School District Board is discussing the possible relocation of the Alternative High School (Peninsula High School) from its current site at Crestmoor in San Bruno. Possible plans for relocating to San Mateo High School have met with strong opposition, including from our Police Chief and City Council. (The City has no jurisdiction over the school district's decision.) Moving to Hillsdale High School is also being discussed, raising opposition from parents and concerns from our neighborhood. The School District plans community meetings this summer, and a possible decision this fall. You can ask to be on the "interested parties" list for notices. Check the website www.smuhsd.org or call 650.558.2202. Please let the School Board know of your feelings about this possible move. You can contact Superintendent Scott Laurence and Board President Robert Griffin at the web address, or write to 650 N. Delaware St., San Mateo 94401. You may also call 650.558.2202. Let's ensure that our voices are heard in this important decision.

Enjoy The County Fair

The County Fair started Saturday, June 9th, and runs through Sunday, June 17th. Make sure to go check it out – it’s fun for everyone!

Tips for Emergencies

Fire Captain Robert Cook, CERT and “Get Ready” program specialist, also spoke to our members at the Station 23 tour. Did you know that 911 calls from a traditional “land-line” phone will transmit location information to the San Mateo dispatcher, saving valuable time? If you use a cell phone for 911, the call goes to Vallejo, where dispatchers have no idea who or where you are until you can tell them. If you haven’t done it yet, *please* program your cell with 650.522.7700, and use that number in a local emergency to reach the City of San Mateo Dispatch.

Watch future newsletters for more of Robert Cook’s emergency preparedness tips.

Strangers at Your Door?

Recent daytime burglaries in our area remind us that we all need to be particularly cautious. Make sure all doors and windows are locked, even if you plan to be away only a “few minutes”. Many burglaries happen very quickly, during daylight hours. Do not open the door to anyone you do not know. Some of us stay quiet, so that the stranger will go away. The San Mateo Police Department advises that you always make it known that someone is home, like calling through the door that you are “on the phone” etc., and therefore won’t be opening the door. If the stranger does not leave, or if they might be searching the area for a house to burglarize, please call the SMPD (911) right away.

Welcome to Our Newsletter Intern

BHNA welcomes Claire Jensen, Hillsdale High School student, who has volunteered to help edit our monthly newsletter. Despite the end of year whirl, she has started with this edition. Thanks also to HHS Co - Principal Cheryl Lawton, who helped us set up this internship. Karen Herrel continues as interim editor, and welcomes any member who would like to become part of the newsletter production team. Contact information is on the back page.

Sharing Experiences Can Help

Do you know someone over 50 who has recently retired, lost a loved one, is feeling isolated, whose adult child has moved back home, or is facing other challenges? The Coping with Change group may be an answer. They meet most Tuesdays from 10 to 11:30 AM at the Senior Center at 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas. Inquire about registering for this free, ongoing group by calling 650.522.7490.

Where Does Your Trash and Recycling Go?

Did you know that the public has the opportunity to tour the recycling and transfer facility in San Carlos? RethinkWaste holds public tours on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Make reservations by going online to rethinkwaste.org or calling 650.802.3506.

Favorite Neighborhood Merchants

Togs for Dogs and Cats Too is located at 24 41st Ave. Locally owned for over 25 years, they carry a wide assortment of merchandise: pet food, medications, feeding bowls and pet carriers, and specialty treats like pet jerky, cookies and liver flavored toothpaste. Personal, outstanding service with a sense of humor. Sue, Hacienda St.

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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