



Beresford/Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

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March 2012

March General Meeting – Bay Meadows...and More

Planner, Darcy Forsell

Learn about what is next for historic Bay Meadows

TUESDAY, March 20
7:30 PM

Beresford Recreation Center
(28th & Alameda)

note: member votes may be taken

Members ask, "What's happening at Bay Meadows?" It seems like a *long* time since the City approved the development plans, and the racetrack was gone! Then nothing seemed to happen. What's going on behind the fence? Is 2012 the year construction will begin?

On March 20th, our guest speaker, City of San Mateo Associate Planner Darcy Forsell, will answer those questions, and more, about the Bay Meadow Plan. She is also the planner for the redevelopment of the Police headquarters site on Delaware. That building is finally demolished. Find out what's next. Last year Darcy spoke to us about the plans for improving El Camino Real, through the Hillsdale Station Plan. She will bring us up to date on that part of our neighborhood, too. Bring your friends and neighbors, and bring your questions, for this informative

update on three major planning projects in our city.

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

Upcoming BHNA General Meetings

April 17th - Expo Center General Manager Chris Carpenter will share potential new plans for the Expo Center, possibly including a new conference center and hotels.

May 15th - Visit to the new Fire Station 23, located at Edison and 27th Avenue. Come tour San Mateo's newest and most advanced fire station!

February Meeting Recap

Members who came to the "Getting to Know the Board" meeting had a good time learning more about the Board members (which one of us was at Disneyland the third day it opened?), hearing from a police officer, and exchanging ideas and questions about our community.

Everyone enjoyed some sweets. Many thanks to Kaye Sharma for her delicious homemade gingersnaps, and Karen Herrel for her Farmers Market strawberries. Then the meeting got started with SMPD Officer Scott Miller giving an update on our neighborhood. We are part of the "Charlie Beat" which is west of Highway 101 and south of Highway 92 to Belmont. In recent weeks we have had two home break-ins and two stolen cars. Our current crime rate is similar to last year's. The best advice to prevent crime is to always lock your home and car, leaving nothing valuable visible through the windows. Call 911 if you see something suspicious happening, or if there is an emergency. Non-emergency crime can be reported by calling 522.7700. Some crimes can be reported, if they are discovered after the event, through www.cityofsanmateo.org

Members shared views on many issues including volunteer opportunities, better ways for older residents to handle Recology carts (more in next month's newsletter), and leaf blower regulations, which the City will be addressing this year. Members who were not able to attend are always encouraged to contact any Board member with their neighborhood questions and concerns.

March is Be Ready, Be Safe, Be Involved Month

On March 5th the City Council will again name March the month to encourage emergency preparedness (Be Ready), Neighborhood Watch membership (Be Safe) and neighborhood association membership (Be Involved). This year, involvement also includes volunteering, through Volunteer Source, a new city clearing house for finding the right match. Tune in to Comcast channel 27 or Astound channel 26 at 7PM on March 5th to see the Council presentation and hear more about this community effort.

Get Ready Disaster Preparedness

In just 2 hours you can learn how to prepare yourself, your family, your home and workplace for a major disaster. Choose from classes in our neighborhood on 3/14, 5/2 or 6/6. All are free and run from 7 - 9 PM. Register at a local recreation center or online at www.erecrag.com

San Mateo Police Department Alerts

Be among the first to know when there is a SMPD alert. You can use email, or mobile devices, Twitter, etc. for

text alerts. Sign up for email alerts via Nixle, a secure notification service used by thousands of police departments and government agencies. Go to www.nixle.com and click on the Sign up Free button. Follow the easy prompts to provide your name and email address, a physical location and to create a password. You'll be all set to be a more aware and safer member of our community.

Volunteer Source

Did you know that in 2011, over 1300 active city volunteers provided over 75,000 hours of service to our city's residents? An independent group provides national estimates of the hourly value of volunteer work. Using their figures, volunteers for the City of San Mateo provided over \$1.6 million in services last year!

Volunteering isn't what it used to be. Find exciting opportunities that match your interests at www.cityofsanmateo.org/volunteer, or call Donna Divodi at 522.7277.

New Newsletter Editor

The monthly newsletter is central to our communication within our association. This year we have 9-year Beresford Hillsdale resident, Dirk Alvarado, stepping in as Newsletter Editor for 2012. In addition to his editorial duties, Dirk serves as the Executive Director of the Sonrisas Community Dental Center, a nonprofit in Half Moon Bay. He and his wife also own Children's Learning Cottage Preschool in Mountain View. Make sure to send him your story ideas and favorite merchants at newsletter@beresfordhillsdale.org

Hillsdale Drama Presents...

A Midsummer Nights Dream by William Shakespeare at Hillsdale High School, 3115 Del Monte Street. This modern production is sure to please and runs March 7-10 starting at 7pm and a special March 11 performance at 2pm. For more information and tickets go to hillsdalehigh.com/drama or call 650.558.2634. Tickets are just \$15 for Adults, \$10 for Students & Seniors.

Do you need a ride to BHNA meetings?

Don't miss meetings that interest you because you need help with transportation. Contact Karen Herrel (578.8597) if you would like us to try to arrange a ride.

The Tarabytes to perform at the Vinyl Solution

The Vinyl Solution has been an institution on 25th Avenue for many years, with something in music for everyone, including live music! The Tarabytes, who were a hit at our 2011 BHNA Summer Social event, will be at the Vinyl Solution on **Friday, March 16th, 7:30 to 9:30 PM**. They will perform popular hits from the 60s thru current. You don't need to go far from home to enjoy a nice dinner out at one of the many restaurants on 25th Avenue, and then enjoy fun, live entertainment at the Vinyl Solution. 25th Avenue has it all!

Favorite Neighborhood Merchants

Jack's Prime is located on El Camino, just south of 37th Avenue. They have great burgers and shakes and feature a Burger-of-the-Month and a Shake-of-the-Month for variety. Being conscious of our environment, they provide recyclable take home boxes, made from USA grown corn, not Styrofoam. - Stan, 30th Avenue

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

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