



Beresford/Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

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May 2012

May General Meeting – Tour Fire Station 23

**Battalion Chief
Mike Borean**

Tour New Fire Station 23

**TUESDAY, May 15
7:30 PM**

Fire Station 23
(27th & Edison)

note: no member votes this meeting

Fire Station 23, at the corner of 27th Avenue and Edison Street will be the location for our May 15th BHNA meeting. Built to replace the original 1949 building, this state of the art facility opened for service early last November. Station 23 is close to our neighborhood, and is often the first to respond to our emergency calls. Battalion Chief Mike Borean is scheduled to be on duty that evening, and (barring a major emergency) will be coordinating our tour of this new facility. What an opportunity to see what Measure C, passed in 1998, is doing for our community!

We will also hear briefly from Fire Captain Robert Cook, a favorite speaker at BHNA, who will give us some pointers on how to be better prepared for major emergencies.

Due to limited space, you must reserve your place to attend this meeting. Please check out the information on page 2, if you are interested in coming. Also, most of the area is red curbed, so car pooling is encouraged.

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

Upcoming BHNA General Meetings

June 19th – San Mateo Police Dept. canine unit visits, plus a speaker from the Peninsula Humane Society/SPCA talks about living with/near companion animals.

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

August - No meeting (Summer break). BHNA meetings resume September 18th.

April Meeting Recap

San Mateo Event Center General Manager Chris Carpenter brought our members early news of a possible convention center and hotel expansion at their site on Delaware and 25th. Weekends are busy with events like the SF Flower and Garden Show, the Maker Fair (which draws 45,000!), antiques shows, bridal fairs, etc. Trying to fill more weekdays, they are looking at providing a new venue for trade conventions, sports tournaments, etc. Since the Center is on County land, San Mateo City interests like height limits and tax revenue do not apply, but, wanting to be good neighbors, will be part of the overall discussions. Feasibility studies are underway, and funding sources (est. \$32-\$40 million) are part of that investigation. The proposed amenities at Bay Meadows II could make this concept a big draw. Meetings about the feasibility study results should be held starting this summer.

Chris Carpenter can be reached at ccarpenter@smeventcenter.com or 650.574.3247 x 307.

In the meantime, don't forget the County Fair is June 9th to 17th. Lots of fun for all ages!

Fire Station tour May 15th – Reservations required

BHNA is so pleased to have Fire Station 23 host our May meeting. Because the fire station operates 24/7, space for the tour is limited. To avoid disappointment, we are asking all members to reserve their places in advance. That reservation list will become our sign in sheet that evening. As described in last month's newsletter, to put your name on the list **please contact Kitty Van Beckum** (see the officers box, below) **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.

June 5th Primary Election Calendar

Sample ballots and voter guides arrive by May 15th. "Absentee" ballots are mailed May 7th. Contact the County Elections Division at 650.312.5222 with any questions.

BHNA website support

Mike Germano, the long-serving BHNA computer guru, emailed our newsletter to members, and updated our website. Thank you, Mike, for this dedicated service to BHNA. Now we need to find a person (or more likely, *several* people) to “replace” Mike. If you already have some familiarity with GoDaddy or WordPress, or if you would like to learn, please contact an officer. We can’t do it without you!

Music at the Library– May 19th

The Chorda quartet performs in concert at 4PM on Saturday, May 19th in the Oak Room of the Main library. Come enjoy this free program, geared for children and parents alike. Call 650.522.7800 during business hours for more information.

Newsletter Editor

Many thanks to Dirk Alvarado for his work on our newsletter this year. He is not able to continue, so we are now looking for a member to volunteer to be our editor. As Karen Herrel fills in as interim editor, we are looking for someone who wants to take over this important job. We are open to “outside the box” approaches to this opportunity, such as having co-editors, or involving students from member families who are interested in journalism. Please contact any officer for more information.

New County Health Website

The San Mateo County Health System offers an improved website, with information on the latest health trends and news. Features are updated monthly. The home page has a handy “How do I?” section to find out how to get, apply for, report and find frequently needed information. Check it out at www.smchealth.org.

Seasonal Farmers Markets Return

We enjoy the year round Farmers Market, every Saturday morning (9-1) at CSM. With warmer weather, midweek markets provide us with even more fruits, veggies, flowers and other local items. The Wednesday market (10-2) in the Delaware Street parking lot at the San Mateo Event Center is already open. The Tuesday market in the parking lot at Hacienda and 25th opens May 8th (4 – 7:30 PM). Both run until mid Fall. Enjoy our local bounty!

Disaster Emergency Preparedness Day – Saturday June 9th

Mark your calendar for the San Mateo Event Center on June 9th, to attend Disaster Emergency Preparedness Day from 10 AM – 2 PM. Sponsored by the County Office of Emergency Preparedness (650.363.4790), police, fire and other emergency groups will all be there. Don’t know CPR? This is the opportunity to learn it, and more. Arrive before 11AM and get the bonus of free parking and free entry to the County Fair for the day.

Operation Eagle Visit – Memorial Weekend

The City of San Mateo again welcomes its adopted sons (and daughters) of the 101st Airborne Company A. The whole family will enjoy the parade in Downtown, Sunday May 27th at 11 AM, followed by a BBQ in Central Park. Check out the city website www.cityofsanmateo.org, or call 650.522.7740 for more information.

Beresford Elementary School's Online Auction

Bid on great items (gift certificates from local restaurants, stores, museums, children's classes, camps) while supporting one of our neighborhood schools’ enrichment programs for art, computers, phys ed, and more. Bidding is open now, and ends May 14th. Go to <http://www.biddingforgood.com/beresford>

Favorite Neighborhood Merchants

Paul’s Diner on El Camino north of 41st Avenue, in the old Villa Hotel, is a great place for breakfast, lunch or dinner. They have daily special menu items. Best of all, they have wonderful homemade soups. Stan, 30th Avenue

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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