



## Beresford/Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

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

March 2013

### March General Meeting – Construction Projects in San Mateo

#### Bay Meadows Redevelopment Darcy Forsell

Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 PM

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

*note: member votes may be taken*

At our March meeting, San Mateo Associate Planner Darcy Forsell will update us on the development of Bay Meadows, the redevelopment of the Delaware Street Police Station, and the new improvements to El Camino Real.

As the planner for the Delaware Street project, Darcy will tell us more about the project and how it is coming along. She also will educate us on the 1.3 million dollar project to improve El Camino Real between 28<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue and make the area friendlier to pedestrians. We will learn about the status of Bay Meadows development and the plans for the Caltrain station. Much is happening in our neighborhood and this will be great opportunity

to get up to date on these projects.

Bring your friends, neighbors, and questions to the meeting for an informative discussion of three major planning projects in our city.

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

### Upcoming BHNA General Meetings

**April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013** – Linda Burnside, on the history of San Mateo Garden Center, and Sheri Costa-Batis, San Mateo Public Works, on the BYOB program.

**May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013** – Larry Ivich, General Manager at Hillsdale Shopping Center, on the “Plans for the North Block at Hillsdale Shopping Center.”

**June 18, 2013** – Donna Mollenhauer, Filoli Docent.

**July 16, 2013** – Annual Summer Social. Save the date.

### February Meeting Recap

In February, Mike Jamieson, Historian of the Peninsula Golf and Country Club, and David Nightingale, the General Manager of the Club, spoke to us about the colorful history of the Peninsula Golf and Country Club. Mike explained that the club was founded in 1911 as the Beresford Country Club, using land from the Moralles, Casey, and Borel properties. The clubhouse opened in January of 1915. We also learned that the Beresford Country Club went through a period of declining memberships in the 1930's and 40's, and that Helen Lengfield and Ben Follett saved the club by buying up most of the San Francisco memberships and making them available for new San Mateo members. The club survived WWII, and after selling fifty acres of land, got back on sound financial footing. In 1945, the Beresford Country Club changed its name to the Peninsula Golf and Country Club.

Mike also talked about George Archer, the legendary golfer who grew up in San Mateo and attended San Mateo High School. Mr. Archer won the 1969 Masters and brought the Masters Trophy to the Peninsula Golf and Country Club.

### Beresford Park Renovations

The Parks and Recreation Department is working on renovating the Beresford Park playground and would like your input in the planning process. You can participate in the process at [www.sanmateotownhall.org](http://www.sanmateotownhall.org), an online “town hall” in which you will be able to share your vision for the new Beresford Park playground and see what your neighbors think. Submit links, maps, photos, and videos, or tell a story to make your point. The City of San Mateo will be keeping track of your ideas and will use them to create the perfect new playground at Beresford Park.

### Caltrain Begins Its Electrification Environmental Review

Caltrain started the environmental review phase of the Electrification Project with a series of public meetings, held February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, to seek input on the scope of the review. Last year, the California High Speed Rail Authority recommended funding corridor electrification as one of its “early investment” projects. These funds, combined with other federal, regional, and local funds, will allow Caltrain to electrify the Peninsula corridor from

San Francisco to San Jose. Electrification and modernization, which is expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 90%, includes installation of an advanced signal system known as CBOSS/PTC, the installation of the electrification system power sources and overhead wires, and the purchase of electric rail vehicles. Caltrain will begin operating electrified service by 2019, with High Speed Rail service expected to reach the Peninsula in 2026.

Go to <http://www.caltrain.com/projectsplans/CaltrainModernization.html> for more information on the project. Caltrain will be accepting comments until 5 PM on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Comments may be made by e-mailing [electrification@caltrain.com](mailto:electrification@caltrain.com), with the subject line "Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project."

### Leaf Blower Update

City Council may be voting in mid-March whether or not to modify the City's current leaf blower laws for commercial use. BHNA has recommended that the City Council allow more environmentally friendly leaf blowers, ban noisy and dirty gas powered devices, and reduce hours of operation to Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM. BHNA also recommended that the City limit devices to 65 decibels, certify leaf blowers every two years, and create a sliding scale of fines for repeat offenders.

Contact Mayor David Lim and express your thoughts on this matter. The Mayor can be reached by email at [dlim@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:dlim@cityofsanmateo.org) or over the phone at (650) 522-7522 X 6267.

### Upcoming Events

**March 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>:** 10 AM to 7 PM, San Francisco Flower and Garden Show at the SMC Event Center. A fantastic gardening show featuring exhibits, seminars and demonstrations that are fun for all ages!

**March 30<sup>th</sup>:** 9 AM to 1 PM, the Eggstravaganza at Central Park – a fun Easter Egg hunt for the whole family!

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>:** BYOB San Mateo begins. BYOB Reusable Bags will be distributed at City Hall, the Main Library, Beresford and King Center, and the Senior Center.

### Public Works Program Update

Last year, at our January 2012 General Meeting, a San Mateo Public Works representative explained the benefits of the Private Sewer Lateral Cost Sharing Program under which homeowners can apply for financial assistance for the maintenance and repairs necessary for their sewer line. The program has been very popular, and funding is almost exhausted. If you applied prior to January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013, you remain eligible, but you must submit documentation for the completed work by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013. For more information, contact Serena Mau, the Project Manager of the program, at (650) 522-7327, and stay tuned to find out if more funding becomes available in July 2013.

### Be Ready, Be Safe, Be Involved

This March, the City of San Mateo is partnering with the San Mateo United Homeowners Association, as well as our Neighborhood Watch and the San Mateo Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), to join with leaders in our area to promote the partnerships and programs that work to keep our neighborhoods safe and to prepare residents for a disaster. The Neighborhood Watch groups work with the SMPD to provide information on crime in the area, and the CERT program provides safety training to members of our community. More information about the City's campaign can be found at [www.cityofsanmateo.org](http://www.cityofsanmateo.org), [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com), twitter, Facebook, and San Mateo TV.

### Favorite Merchant

The San Mateo Produce Market, at 175 W. 25th Avenue, has truly come into its own. There is always a great selection of produce and fresh poultry, meat and fish. This is the place to get your meat ground to order and to buy locally made tostadas and queso fresco. Take a walk or ride your bike to the market, and bring your own bags, of course. Mark, Hacienda Street.

**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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