

**Beresford Hillsdale Neighborhood Association**  
**General Meeting April 16, 2013**

Kaye Sharma called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM. There were 22 members attending.

**SMPD:**

Lt. Art Sanchez has been with the SMPD for 21 years. He is a member of the Crime Reduction Unit. The CRU looks for suspicious people to prevent crime before it happens. Most people that commit crimes in San Mateo are not local. They come here from out of town to break into cars and homes. They knock on doors of homes that appear empty. If nobody answers, they go around the back to break in. The main item that they are looking for isn't a computer or a big screen TV. It's gold jewelry. A home Portola and Del Mar in our neighborhood was recently entered through an open garage door. Do not leave your home without locking all doors and windows. Do not leave a second floor window open for ventilation, especially if you have a ladder in your back yard. If you see anything out of the ordinary, call the SMPD. In other words, if you see something, say something.

**Speakers:**

We had two speakers this evening. The first was Sheri Costa-Batis from the SM Dept. of Public Works. The city council has recently passed an ordinance banning single use plastic bags and styrofoam. The ban currently covers grocery and retail stores. The city wants people to bring their own reusable bags to stores. She passed out reusable bags to the members.

The second speaker was Linda Burnside who discussed the San Mateo Garden Center in the northeast corner of Beresford Park. The Garden Center was founded in 1947. Meetings were held at the fairgrounds until they were moved to the current location in 1974. The Garden Center building was dedicated to the city in 1975. Ten garden clubs meet at the Garden Center which is also rented out for weddings. Linda showed slides of the construction of the Garden Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

Submitted by Stan Shogren.