



Beresford/Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

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June 2013

June General Meeting – The Filoli Estate

Filoli Home and Garden Donna Mollenhauer

Tuesday, June 18, 2013
7:30 PM

Beresford Recreation Center
(28th & Alameda)

At our June Meeting, Donna Mollenhauer, one of Filoli's knowledgeable house and garden docents, will make a presentation about Filoli's beautiful estate.

Filoli, a historic site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, is one of the finest remaining country estates of the early 20th century. Designed between 1915 and 1917, and set against the dramatic backdrop of the northern Santa Cruz Mountains, Filoli is an excellent example of the Golden Age of American garden design and country house architecture. Filoli features a 36,000 sq. ft. home and a 16-

acre English Renaissance Garden. In addition, the property includes a 6.8-acre Gentleman's Heritage Orchard and a trail system that transverses five different ecosystems, which may be explored on docent-guided nature hikes and visits to the Sally MacBride Nature Center. Filoli is a cherished resource for the community and is dedicated to education, volunteerism, and diversity.

All this and more will be discussed at the June Meeting, so come, and bring your friends to learn about the Filoli Estate!

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

Upcoming BHNA General Meetings

July 16th, 2013 – BHNA's Annual Summer Social

August – Summer Break

September 17th, 2013 – Caltrain Electrification

October 15th, 2013 – City Council Elections

May Meeting Recap

At the May General Meeting, three speakers provided information on the possible renovation plans for the north block of the Hillsdale Shopping Center.

Robert Webster, the CEO of Bohannon Development Company, gave a brief history of the mall and the proposed changes. When the mall opened in 1954, its original open-air design was considered cutting edge. In 1980, a second story was added and the mall was enclosed. Now, Bohannon would like to add more food, entertainment and retail options. A new Paul Martin's restaurant, which will serve American food, will open in July in the former Crate & Barrel space. Next year, Target plans to move into the space now occupied by Sears. Shiloh Phillips discussed the new store. The Food Court would move upstairs to the bridge area across 31st Avenue and include an outdoor terrace. Cost Plus will also be leaving and a luxury cinema will take over the space.

Ryan Cole, the architect for the new project, discussed the luxury cinema, Cinépolis, which would be the first of its kind in Northern California. Tickets are expected to cost \$18-\$20. The theater will seek to attract adults

and families who want a special experience and offer in-cinema food and beverage service, including alcoholic beverages. Cinépolis does not expect to show horror movies or movies aimed mainly at teenagers. For more information on the plans for the mall renovations go to <http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/documentcenter/view/37498>.

25th Avenue Sanitary Sewer Relief Line Project

Beginning around Fall of 2013, and continuing through the Winter of 2014, there will be construction of a new sanitary sewer relief pipeline on 25th Avenue and Flores up to South Delaware Street, by the front entrance of the San Mateo Event Center. The purpose of this project is to provide relief to the 18-inch line that is in place on El Camino Real. Increased capacity is needed to prevent sewer overflows during wet weather. The proposed sewer alignment will cross under El Camino Real and the Caltrain tracks, and tie into sewer improvements at South Delaware Street. Expect impacts to traffic, parking and pedestrian movement during the construction. See <http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/index.aspx?nid=2465> for more information.

Upcoming Events

June 8th – 16th: The 79th Annual San Mateo County Fair features entertainment, carnival fun, exhibits, and more.

Through June 14th: Drop off items for care packages to our troops at Beresford Center, Senior Center or Hillsdale Library. For information on suggested donations please consult <http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/DocumentCenter/View/37000>

June 20th: 6 PM – 8 PM. The Central Park Music series begins, and continues on every Thursday night until August 8th.

June 22nd and 23rd: 10 AM – 6 PM. The First Annual Downtown SummerFest will be held on B Street, between Baldwin and 6th Avenue. The SummerFest is a family-friendly festival featuring live entertainment, food, wine and beer, and crafts and rides for children.

Outstanding Home Maintenance Award 2013

Congratulations to Dean and Barbara Nelson at 700 27th Avenue! BHNA selected their home as an example of outstanding home maintenance in our neighborhood. The Nelsons, along with other families in other San Mateo neighborhoods, received awards from the City Council on June 3rd. The City of San Mateo Cable Channel and the city website will feature all of the honored homes.

City Adopts Oversized Vehicle Parking Ordinance

On May 6, 2013, the City Council approved an ordinance that will restrict the parking of oversized vehicles on streets that are zoned residential and on public right of way. Oversized vehicles are defined as vehicles that have a height or width greater than 7.5 ft., or a length greater than 22 ft. A vehicle with a weight of over 5 tons also is considered oversized. This includes most RVs. The ordinance also restricts unattached trailers and boat trailers from parking on public streets and in places where the public has the right of way.

The SMPD will begin enforcing this ordinance in September 2013, after the installation of required street signs and the passage of the 60-day period for owners to find alternate storage for their oversized vehicles. Exceptions to the ordinance include loading and unloading of people or property, service to a property, emergency repairs, responses to public emergencies, and the parking of wheelchair accessible vans.

Volunteers Needed at the San Mateo Garden Center

Do you have a green thumb? Do you enjoy potting and grooming plants? The San Mateo Garden Center is looking for volunteers who have an hour or two to spare during the weekdays. This opportunity would allow you to enjoy the outdoors while adding value to your community. If interested, please call 650-574-1506 on any weekday between 9 AM and 1 PM and leave a message for Kaye. Your help would be much appreciated!

Proposed Sewer Rate Increase

The City is proposing a rate increase intended to generate revenue to operate the sewer and wastewater system, fund debt service, and respond to regulatory requirements. A public hearing on the proposed increase will be held on June 17th at 7 PM in the San Mateo City Hall Council Chambers on 20th Avenue. For more information, call the City of San Mateo at 650-522-7325.

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Good Bye and Farewell

After 38 years of providing service and good food to our community, the owners of the New Kwok Wah restaurant on 42nd Avenue, Stan and Lisa, are retiring in mid-June and handing off the operation to new owners. We wish them the best.

Favorite Merchant

The Shred Center, located at 3790 El Camino, is a great place to go to shred confidential documents to protect yourself from identity theft. All shredded paper is recycled into products such as copy paper, thereby reducing landfill waste. The Shred Center also will properly dispose of your e-waste, like TVs, computers, and CDs. An outstanding resource for businesses and households! Susan, 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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