



## Beresford/Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

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

July 2013

### **BHNA's Summer Social The Tarabytes Return!**

**Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
7:30 PM**

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

*note: member votes may be taken*

### **July General Meeting – BHNA's Annual Summer Social**

If you have been looking forward to BHNA's Annual Summer Social your wait is almost over!

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting this annual get-together for our members and neighbors. The Summer Social is a great opportunity to talk with old friends and meet new ones. Enjoy cake and ice cream from our local merchants, then sit back and relax while listening to the live entertainment

provided by the Tarabytes. Or get up and dance to the music. We are bringing the Tarabytes back by popular demand. They are well known for their acoustic versions of popular music from the sixties and other bygone eras.

The Summer Social will be a fun event for all of our members and their friends and family. Come for the tasty treats, the interesting conversations, or the live entertainment, but don't miss it. See you there!

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

### **Upcoming BHNA General Meetings**

**August** – Summer Break

**September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013** – Caltrain Electrification

**October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013** – City Council Elections

### **June Meeting Recap**

At the June General Meeting, Filoli Docent Donna Mollenhauer provided a treasure of information about the history of the Filoli Estate and the many programs that make the estate so accessible and enjoyable.

It all started in 1914, when William Bourn bought the 600-acre property. Mr. Bourn also owned the Empire Gold Mine, the Greystone Winery in St. Helena, and the Spring Valley Water Company, which was later purchased by the City of San Francisco and became the San Francisco Water Department. The mansion, which is located just 275 yards from the San Andreas Fault, was constructed between

1915 and 1917, and was designed to be earthquake resistant. It was built with full electric lighting, instead of gas lighting – a great extravagance at that time. The Roth Family purchased the mansion in 1937, and later donated the estate to the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1975. In the 1990s, the Visitor's Center was built. It is not only a great source of information about the estate but also sells honey from Filoli's beehives as well as many other useful or decorative items.

Tulips are always a show-stopper at Filoli. Every year, 100,000 tulip bulbs are imported from Holland, and the color of the tulips is changed each year. The Filoli garden features a 600-tree orchard, beehives, and 200 types of roses. Filoli hosts annual Flower and Jazz Festivals, plus an Autumn Festival where you can participate in Filoli's fruit tastings. Filoli also offers art and flower classes. From mid-February to mid-October it is open every day except Monday from 10 AM to 3:30 PM. Filoli opens again for the annual Holiday Festival the week after Thanksgiving. Check <http://www.filoli.org> for details. Visit the beautiful house and gardens at Filoli!

## Did You Know?

You can watch the San Mateo City Council and Planning meetings without going to City Hall. Channel San Mateo, San Mateo's local Public, Education, or Government channel, provides live coverage of the meetings and an archive of prior meetings. Check <http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/index.aspx?NID=1608>. If you have Astound, look for Channel 26; Comcast is Channel 27; and AT&T U-Verse is Channel 99.

## Upcoming Events

**July 11<sup>th</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup>:** The Central Park Music Series is still going on! Visit Central Park every Thursday evening at 6 PM to listen to free live music!

**August 6<sup>th</sup>:** National Night Out, 6:30 – 9 PM. The Neighborhood Watch sponsors this event to raise crime prevention awareness, strengthen neighborhood spirit and unity, and develop partnerships between the City and community.

**August 16<sup>th</sup>:** The Cities of San Mateo and Toyonaka, Japan will reaffirm their sister city relationship during a 9 AM Council meeting at City Hall and a 6 PM gala reception at the Crowne Plaza in Foster City.

**Through October 28<sup>th</sup>:** The Downtown Urban Market, every Monday from 5 – 8:30 PM, at the Downtown CalTrain Station, features gourmet food trucks and a farmers market.

## Escape the Heat – Go to the Library!

Looking for something to do on a hot summer day? Join your neighbors at our air-conditioned neighborhood public library. The Hillsdale Branch is located at the corner of Hillsdale Blvd. and Hacienda, and is open Monday through Thursday and on Saturdays. There is a large children's section, a selection of CD's and DVD's, computer access, audio books and a recent publications section of fiction and nonfiction for adults.

The Main Library is located at 55 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and is open every day. It offers book discussions, movies, and a job seeker service. Find out more at [www.smplibrary.org](http://www.smplibrary.org).

## San Mateo's Virtual Town Hall

Join the conversation at San Mateo's virtual town hall, [www.sanmateotownhall.org](http://www.sanmateotownhall.org). On June 10<sup>th</sup>, the City of San Mateo and the Downtown San Mateo Association launched this online tool for engaging the community and gathering ideas on a variety of topics. The goal is to help the City understand what people like about the downtown area.

Throughout the next few months, a series of questions and topics will be posted. On the website, you have the opportunity to share what you like about Downtown San Mateo and how you think it could be improved. You can post photos, tell stories, or discuss events or retailers you would like to see in the downtown area. Please take the time to participate and encourage your friends and neighbors to contribute as well.

## The San Mateo Medical Center Needs Magazines and Volunteers

Recycle your gently used magazines by dropping them off to the San Mateo County Medical Center on 39<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Medical Center makes these magazines available to the patients and visitors throughout the facility. This is a great way to support our local county hospital and re-use items destined for re-cycle.

Another way to support our local medical center is to volunteer. Many rewarding opportunities await you when you volunteer at the Medical Center. For more information contact Glynis Carreira, Volunteer Coordinator and Patient Advocate, at 650-573-3731 and [gcarreira@smcgov.org](mailto:gcarreira@smcgov.org).

## Be Proactive to Prevent Car Break-Ins

The San Mateo Police Department encourages members of BHNA to take action in order to prevent car break-ins and the theft of valuable items in their cars. Keep your car visible – park in well-lighted areas, not behind large vehicles, fences, or foliage. Lock all windows and use an alarm or an anti-theft device if you have them. Hide anything that might be considered valuable, and do not leave spare keys in your car. If you want to stow items in your trunk, do so prior to arriving at your destination.

Trust your instincts: if you see suspicious activity, find another place to park. Do not hesitate to call the police at (650) 522-7700.

## Favorite Merchant

The Dosa Republic, located at 2299 South El Camino, is a wonderful restaurant if you are looking for a quick lunch or dinner and have an adventurous palate. It offers selections mainly from South India, sometimes with a touch of Chinese flavor. Prices are moderate and service is quick and friendly. This is a great place for a refreshing dining experience! Kaye, Del Ray St.

**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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