



## Beresford/Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

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November 2013

### Bay Area Water Supply Nicole Sandkulla

### Plus Holiday Drawing

Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
7:30 PM

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

*note: member votes may be taken*

### November General Meeting – Bay Area Water Supply

Nicole Sandkulla, CEO/GM for the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA), will be speaking to us about the amazing San Francisco Regional Water System, which supplies not only San Francisco, but also 1.6 million residents and over 30,000 businesses in San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Alameda Counties. BAWSCA was established as a multi-county agency authorized to plan for and acquire supplemental water supplies and to encourage water conservation and use of recycled water on a regional basis.

Ms. Sandkulla will talk about the development of the water system and the challenges of implementing a \$4.6 billion capital improvement program to protect the health and safety of all those that rely on the system. She will also address how the communities outside of San Francisco plan to ensure – with the help of BAWSCA – that they have reliable supplies of high quality water in the future.

Come, and bring your friends, to this informative meeting about San Mateo's Water Supply!

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

### Upcoming BHNA General Meetings

**December** – Winter Break

**January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014** – San Mateo's New Mayor will discuss plans for the new year.

### October Meeting Recap

At our October Meeting, all five candidates for City Council introduced themselves to our members and discussed their plans for the City if they were elected. Joe Goethals, Joshua Hugg, Karen Schmidt, David Lim, and Robert Ross answered specific questions from the audience, ranging from gang/graffiti issues to "what would you recommend if the City found an extra \$10 million that could be spent on anything?" It was a lively, well-attended session, much appreciated by the BHNA members. Several attendees noted that it was very helpful in evaluating the candidates and making their voting decisions.

### Pedestrian Safety Improved On Hacienda Street

For many of us, the stretch of Hacienda Street between 31<sup>st</sup> and Hillsdale is on the way to places we want to go, like Laurel School, Saint Gregory, the Hillsdale library, or the bank. Soon our way will be safer and more comfortable. By the end of November, the City will have completed the installation of sidewalks on both sides of the street. The street will be a bit narrower, and curbside parking will no longer be allowed between Louise Lane and 31<sup>st</sup>, because preservation of existing trees was important to the residents. Thanks to the City for looking out for pedestrians and trees!

### BHNA Holiday Donation to Unity Care

This year BHNA is proud to donate to Unity Care's program, "Building Bridges." Serving both San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, this wonderful organization serves youths that are "aging out" of foster care. 5,000 young people in California will leave the foster care system this year because they are turning 18. Many do not have a place to go to. Building Bridges assists with finding affordable housing for these teens, and setting them up in their new homes with basic household essentials. The program expects to serve over 100 teens in the forthcoming year.

### BHNA Holiday Drawing

It is a tradition to hold a drawing for prizes donated by our local merchants during the November General Meeting. Members attending the meeting can win a gift certificate from Piazza's Fine Foods, located in the Laurelwood Shopping Center, or a gift certificate from Tannourine, which features tasty Mediterranean cuisine. Both Piazza's and Tannourine are long time supporters of BHNA.

## Hillsdale Mall Project Update

BHNA has been closely following the Hillsdale Mall Renovation Project. The review of the Draft Environment Impact Report is now scheduled to begin on January 6, 2014 and to end February 19, 2014. The Planning Commission's tentative date for public review of this document is January 28, 2014. The City's project website, <http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/index.aspx?NID=2589>, has additional information.

## The Time to Trim or Remove Trees is Right Now!

In prior newsletters, we described the City's Heritage and City Street Tree Ordinance. Its intent is to make sure that trees remain a part of our neighborhoods. Ensure the health of our neighborhood trees and our urban wildlife by cutting your trees in the fall and early winter. This is the best time to cut your trees because:

- 1) Urban wildlife and birds are not nesting and raising their young. Many orphaned animals are brought to the Peninsula Humane Society in the spring because of nest disturbance caused by tree trimming and cutting.
- 2) Cutting your trees in the fall and early winter results in a vigorous new growth in the spring, and minimizes the risk of insect infestation.
- 3) Trimming trees that shed their leaves in the fall will give you a better idea of how the trimming will affect the shape of the tree.

## Membership Renewal Time

We are mailing this November newsletter to every BHNA member household whose dues expire next month. If this applies to you, a membership slip and a pre-addressed envelope are enclosed. When you respond before January 1<sup>st</sup>, you save BHNA costly repeated reminders and extra work for our member volunteers. Be a part of this much appreciated group! Before this gets lost in the holiday rush, please return the slip and your \$12 check (per household). Some members renew for multiple years, which is very convenient for them and very easy for us. One year or more, it's up to you.

Not sure if you need to send in dues now? Check your address label for the "paid thru" date in the upper right hand corner. If it says 2014 or later, you are paid up for next year, so no action is necessary.

## Congratulations to Hillsdale High School

Hillsdale High has a new Performing Arts Theater. Originally designed as a simple auditorium, the renovated Hillsdale High School Performing Arts Theater provides the quality features needed for today's high school music, drama, and dance performances. Auditorium seating was replaced with larger, more comfortable seats on new terraces, including an upper level parterre, and the backstage area was updated and improved. A new two-story glass lobby provides access to the theater's upper and lower seats as well as to the concession area and box office. The new theater complements and supports Hillsdale High School's widely recognized educational programs. It is not too late to commission an engraved theater seat plaque by making a donation. See <http://www.hillsdalehsfoundation.org/>.

## Upcoming Events

**November 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>:** The Harvest Festival Original Arts and Crafts Show at the SMC Event Center. Bring the family for a fun event just in time for the holiday season. See <http://www.harvestfestival.com/Visitors/Shows/SanMateo/Index.aspx>.

**December 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>:** The Holiday Festival of Dance will happen for the 41<sup>st</sup> time. Get your tickets early. <http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/index.aspx?NID=2059>.

## Support Our Neighborhood Merchants!

BHNA's area includes opportunities for neighborhood shopping at the Laurelwood Center, on 37<sup>th</sup> Ave., and at the Bel Mateo (41<sup>st</sup>, 42<sup>nd</sup>, and 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave.) retail area. The 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue shops are also popular with our members. We encourage residents to "shop local" to keep small merchants a successful part of our neighborhood.

**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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