



## Beresford/Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

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

January 2014

### Plans for the New Year Mayor Robert Ross

Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014  
7:30 PM

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

*Note: member votes may be taken*

### January General Meeting

Please note that this year, the January meeting will be on the Third **Wednesday** of the month.

Robert Ross, our new mayor, was sworn in for a one year term in December 2013. He previously served the City as a member of the City Council and deputy mayor, and before that was a police officer for 27 years.

Robert will join us at our January meeting to speak about current and future issues before the

City Council, to answer your questions, and to tell you about his plans for the new year.

Come and bring your friends to meet our new mayor and learn what the City has in store for the new year.

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

### BHNA Elections This Month

Every year in January we elect officers and directors for the next twelve months. We need you at the General Meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup> to vote, so we can move forward with another successful season. Please attend and support our new leadership.

### Upcoming BHNA General Meetings

**February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014** – in February we will return to our normal Tuesday schedule with a topic to be announced in the February newsletter

**March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014** – Darcy Forsell, City of San Mateo Planner

### November Meeting Recap

At our November 2013 meeting, Nicole Sandkulla, the CEO of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency, spoke to us about the San Francisco Regional Water System. The Water System supplies water to San Francisco, as well as 1.6 million people and 30,000 businesses in San Mateo, Santa Clara, and Alameda Counties. In 1913, San Francisco was granted the right to dam Hetch Hetchy Valley. Construction of the Water System, which depends on the dam, took over 20 years.

After the Loma Prieta Earthquake and several years of drought, it became evident that the system needed an overhaul. In 2002, the California Legislature gave BAWSCA the authority to plan and implement regional solutions. The improvement projects include replacement of tunnels under the Bay and through the East Bay Hills, to replace the Calaveras Dam, to upgrade the Crystal Springs Dam, and to upgrade pipelines and treatment plants. Currently, 73% of the work has been accomplished; the project is expected to be completed in 2019.

### **2014 Dues Are Due**

Thanks to all returning members of BHNA and new members as well. By the end of December, over 250 members had responded. If you have not yet sent in your dues for 2014, you will find a reminder slip included with this newsletter. Dues remain at \$12/per household per year. Please support your Neighborhood Association and check out our monthly meetings at the Beresford Recreation Center. Topics are varied and informative, and there are usually some refreshments to enjoy along with the presentation. The meetings are generally on the third Tuesday of the month. However, due to a conflict with the City Council meeting schedule, the January 2014 General Meeting will be on Wednesday, January 22.

### **Holiday Prize Winners**

Three local businesses generously donated gift certificates for the drawing at our November meeting. Piazza's in the Laurelwood Shopping Center and Tannourine Restaurant on 25th Avenue repeated as donors. They were joined for the first time by The Chennai Club, a restaurant on El Camino Real offering Indian specialties.

The lucky winners were two local residents, Lorraine and Marie, who won the Piazza's and Tannourine gift certificates, respectively. Michael, an associate of the BAWSCA speaker, won the certificate from Chennai. Thanks to these three local businesses for helping spread some holiday cheer!

### **Hillsdale Mall Project Update**

In late November, the Hillsdale Shopping Center management informed the City of its decision to suspend temporarily its application to renovate the North Block of its property. The management wants to evaluate the market more thoroughly and to gain a better understanding of its options to enhance Hillsdale Mall. The announcement followed the news that the matriarch of the Bohannon Family, which owns the Hillsdale Mall, passed away on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Free Workshops at the Garden Center**

The San Mateo Garden Center, located in the corner of Beresford Park at Alameda and Parkside Way, will be offering free workshops throughout 2014. The workshops will take place on the second Saturday of the month and will run from 1 to 3 pm.

The first workshop will be on January 11th. The topic will be "Roses--Care and Pruning" and will be presented by the San Mateo Rose Society. Look for additional workshop topics in the newsletter each month.

### **Rent Rooms at the Beresford Recreation Center**

Did you know that you can rent a room at Beresford Recreation Center for a party or conference? At Beresford, the *Assembly Room* has a hardwood floor and stage. It holds up to 200 people with tables and chairs or 250 people when set up theater style. The price is \$165 per hour with a minimum of 4 hours. The *Activity Room*, which costs \$170 for 2 hours, is perfect for children's events, with kid-size tables and chairs and an enclosed outdoor play area. It can accommodate up to 25 children and 25 adults. Both rooms have easy access to a kitchen. The *Conference Room* holds up to 28 people, with a rate of \$35 or \$65 per hour, depending on whether or not the Center is open for business. Parking is always free.

For more information on this or other facilities go to [www.cityofsanmateo.org](http://www.cityofsanmateo.org).

## Sustainable Streets San Mateo

The City of San Mateo is hosting a series of speaker forums that continue its commitment to developing streets that are safe for our children and meet the needs of our many commuters. These forums will provide education on various topics as well as give you a chance to provide your input on what improvements you wish to see in the future. The first four events for 2014 are on January 9<sup>th</sup>, February 6<sup>th</sup>, March 5<sup>th</sup>, and April 10<sup>th</sup>. The February presentation, entitled "The Key to Complete Streets and How to Unlock its Powers," will start at 6:00 pm at the Main Library.

For more information about the Sustainable Streets Plan and future forum topics, please visit [www.sustainablestreetssanmateo.com](http://www.sustainablestreetssanmateo.com).

## There's an App for That

For easy reporting of graffiti in San Mateo, so that it can be removed quickly, download the free mySanMateo application on your smartphone. Take a picture and send it in, together with the location where you saw the graffiti.

## Upcoming Events

**January 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>:** 6 to 8 PM. The Toyonaka - San Mateo Sister City Summit will be held at 330 W. 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The city needs your help to re-imagine the structure of the San Mateo Sister City organization.

**January 18<sup>th</sup>:** 1 to 3 PM. The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration will be held in honor of Dr. King at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center.

## Support Our Neighborhood Merchants!

If you are in the need of some quick, delicious Chinese take out dinner, the Noodle Shop at 164 W 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue is the place to check out. Their dishes are reasonably priced; and when they say it will be ready in 10 minutes, they mean it. The Noodle Shop is also a great lunch spot, if you can get a table. Anna, 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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