



Beresford/Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

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**San Mateo's Long Term Vision to
Re-Engineer Transportation**

**Tuesday, February 18th, 2014
7:30 PM**

Beresford Recreation Center
(28th & Alameda)

note: member votes may be taken

February General Meeting

Ken will discuss the city's vision to bring Complete Streets (also called Sustainable Streets) to San Mateo, and explain the City's Sustainable Streets Plan. This effort will build upon existing planning efforts, such as the Citywide Pedestrian Master Plan and Bicycle Master Plan, to ensure that priority networks throughout the City can be implemented, while also ensuring that all streets provide a basic level of access and mobility for pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users.

This topic is timely, given that San Mateo is expected to grow by an additional 30,000 people over the next 30 years. Come, and bring your neighbors, to learn about this exciting project.

As we reported in the January newsletter, the City is also hosting a Taste and Talk Speaker Series to promote the Sustainable Streets Plan. See the Upcoming Events section for information about the March Taste and Talk.

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

Upcoming BHNA General Meetings

March 18th, 2014 - Darcy Forsell, City of San Mateo Senior Planner

April 15th, 2014 - Sheila Canzian will address the upgrade at Beresford and other parks

January Meeting Recap

At the first General Meeting of 2014, Mayor Ross spoke to a full house. He reported that the City's budget has recovered from past shortfalls and now has a surplus of \$9-10 million, of which \$5 million will be placed in a "rainy day" reserve.

Members of the audience raised the issue of the increased construction activity around the City. Mayor Ross explained that the long range plan is to add 10,000 additional housing units. More information is available at <http://onebayarea.org> and <http://www.abag.ca.gov>. The mayor also noted that completion of the Bay Meadows development depends on the construction of the grade separation at El Camino and 28th, and confirmed that grade separations are also planned at 25th and 31st.

The City will address the parking problems in the downtown area primarily through technology that will guide drivers to empty spaces, and through better information about parking options, such as the garage under the train station, which is not well known. See <http://dsma.org/parking-garages>.

Last Call for 2014 Dues

We still have not received renewal slips and checks from some of our 2013 members. If you have not yet renewed your dues, you will find a reminder slip enclosed in this month's newsletter. Every membership makes us more effective for our neighborhood. Please help us complete the renewal process by responding this month. You may call Kaye at 570-4644 if you have a question about your membership status. Thank you for supporting your neighborhood association.

Welcome and Goodbye

At the January General Meeting, the members elected a new slate of Directors for 2014. They are Monika Lee, Andrea McCutchin, Heinz Plischke, Jan Prisco, Susan Rowinski, Kaye Sharma, Lisa Taner and Ellen Wang. Many thanks to all who have volunteered to serve in a leadership role in 2014.

The BHNA board is losing Stan Shogren, the BHNA Secretary for 2013, director Stephanie Alley, and director emeritus Juliette Najjar, who are stepping down from their positions. Director Diana Mongini, the long time heart and soul behind the newsletter mailings, also resigned from her director position, but has graciously agreed to continue the newsletter mailings. Many thanks to Stan, Stephanie and Juliette for their cheerful and effective support of the board, and to Diana for taking such good care of the BHNA newsletter.

Free Workshops at the Garden Center

The next monthly workshop will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8th, from 1-3 pm, at the San Mateo Garden Center at 605 Parkside Way. The topic will be: Succulents - Selecting and Caring for Them, hosted by the Peninsula Succulent Club. If you are looking for plants that are drought tolerant and easier to care for, you may find this workshop of value. More workshops will follow each month at the Garden Center.

El Camino Planning Project

About 40 neighbors voiced concerns about increased traffic, parking and the height of the proposed structure at a January 29 meeting at the former Taxi's Restaurant, whose subject was development of the 1.1 acre site on El Camino between 27th and 28th. Four floors with 68 residential condominiums, above ground level commercial space and underground parking, are in the pre-application phase. A Planning Commission Study Session, open to the public, will be held at City Hall at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, February 25th. No votes are taken at a study session, but oral comments that will be considered for subsequent plan revisions are welcome. Alternatively, you may send written comments to Tricia Schimpp at tschimpp@cityofsanmateo.org. Plans, updated information and news about future public meetings regarding this project (PA13-077) may be found at www.cityofsanmateo.org/whats happening.

Grand Boulevard Initiative

Three enticing words, but their meaning is still unknown to most Peninsula residents. The initiative is a project to revitalize El Camino Real from San Jose to Daly City by facilitating the re-design of the roadway to integrate sustainable development and encourage pedestrians, transit, and private investment.

In 2006, various Peninsula agencies began working on the project to beautify El Camino Real, and to create smoother links between communities. It is their vision to help the street achieve its full potential as a place for residents to work, shop, and play. Find out more at <http://www.grandboulevard.net>.

Abandoned Shopping Cart in your Neighborhood?

Call (650)740-0698 for a free service to have the shopping cart taken away and delivered back to the merchant.

“Mom Days” at Bay Meadows

This family friendly event happens every Monday afternoon from 3 to 5 PM. In addition to moms, Bay Meadows also welcomes children, dads, grandparents, as well as families not residing in the Bay Meadows neighborhood.

January events featured magic and clowns, music and juggling, and a celebration of the Chinese new year of the horse. Costs of the event are covered by Bay Meadows, Whole Foods and urbansitter.com. You may learn about future Mom Day Monday events by visiting the Bay Meadows Welcome Center on East 28th Avenue and Baze Road.

Upcoming Events

February 21st: The 5th Annual SMPOA Crab Feed and Casino Night will be held at the San Mateo Elks lodge from 6 PM to midnight. Come for a crab dinner and casino night. Contact Jeanine Luna at jluna@cityofsanmateo.org for more information.

March 5th: Sustainable Streets Taste and Talk: “Greening the Street Involves More than New Trees,” 6 PM at Draper University, 55 East 3rd Ave, San Mateo.

Favorite Merchant

The New Kwok Wah restaurant on 42nd Ave. had its Grand Opening recently. It is newly remodeled, the food is very good with a nice variety of dishes, friendly employees, and for a limited time they are offering 20% off on lunch specials as part of their Grand Opening promotions. It was very enjoyable. Mike, Ensenada Way.

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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