



Beresford/Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

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April 2014

Sheila Canzian Upgrades to San Mateo Parks

Tuesday, April 15th, 2014
7:30 PM

Beresford Recreation Center
(28th & Alameda)

note: member votes may be taken

April General Meeting

Fresh from being awarded the 2014 California Parks and Recreation Society's (CPRS) Fellowship Hall of Fame Award, our Parks and Recreation Director, Sheila Canzian, will speak at our April General Meeting.

San Mateo has about 200 acres of open space within the City, with more than a dozen neighborhood parks and nine larger community parks. Our parks are important natural resources, providing picnic areas, playgrounds, ball fields, many miles of paths and

trails, and even an estuary lagoon for boating.

Sheila will address some of the larger projects presently under way or planned for our city parks, which include the Beresford Park Playground Renovation, the Central Park Master Plan, and the Synthetic Turf Study and Plan, among other things. Sheila will also address some of the other park "goings-on" in our area, such as the prospective off-leash hours at Laurie Meadows.

Please come, enjoy some refreshments, and speak with Sheila and BHNA members about our local parks.

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

Upcoming BHNA General Meetings

May 20th, 2014 – Michael Svanevik will speak about the history of San Mateo.

June 17th, 2014 – San Mateo Police Department representative

July 15th, 2014 – Summer Social

March Meeting Recap

At our March General Meeting, our City Planner Darcy Forsell spoke about building projects in San Mateo. Darcy updated us on the Bay Meadows Project, for which current approvals exist for a balance of office space and housing with a total of 750,000 square feet of office space, 93,000 square feet of retail, and 1,066 housing units. Nueva High School, a private school, will also be built. Construction of the office buildings has not begun yet because there is not currently high demand for additional office space in San Mateo.

Darcy also updated us on the Hillsdale Shopping Center Project, which is still on hold because Target pulled out. Another project, on South Delaware Street near 92 (at the former Police Station site and Bofors), is also being completed. The northernmost building is finished, and 111 additional apartments are under construction. Darcy also discussed a fairly new project, the Hillsdale Terrace at 2700 – 2790 El Camino Real, which will involve a full city block of mixed-use buildings. While the project has not been approved yet, the proposal is for five stories, with the ground floor for commercial use and three stories of underground parking. In addition to the large projects above, numerous smaller building projects are in the process of being completed. For more information on San Mateo building projects, go to <http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/index.aspx?nid=939>.

Stay In The Know!

Did you know that you are able to view the General Minutes for the Beresford Hillsdale Neighborhood Association meetings online? These are excellent meetings with high quality presenters, and the information these presenters provide is all about your community. Just go to <http://www.beresfordhillsdale.org> and select "Meeting Schedule and Minutes" to get a summary of meeting content as well as the dates of the next meetings.

Better yet, come to the meetings where you can meet neighbors you may not know and interact directly with the presenter so you can make sure your questions are answered and your concerns are voiced.

Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project Update

A Draft Environmental Impact Report has been released. You are able to view the report at the main library, located in downtown San Mateo, or online at <http://www.caltrain.com/projectsplans/CaltrainModernization/Modernization/PeninsulaCorridorElectrificationProject.html>.

The public may submit comments through April 29th in person at one of the public meetings or by sending an email to electrification@caltrain.com (subject line to read: Peninsula Corridor Electrification Project). The last two public meetings, which both start at 6 PM, will be on April 7th at the San Jose Public Library and on April 9th at the UCSF Mission Bay Genentech Hall Room N114 in San Francisco.

Report Graffiti In Your Neighborhood

The power to fight graffiti is in your hands. In order to easily report graffiti, download the new mobile app, mySanMateo, or call the 24-hour hotline phone number at (888) 886-0766. No matter which method you use, the request will be submitted to Graffiti Protective Coatings, the City's new partner in providing graffiti removal services. It is important to make sure the residents of San Mateo work together to fight graffiti.

School Security Fencing Project

You may have noticed that many of our local schools are receiving 8-foot tall security fencing. The district-wide project, funded through Measure L, which was approved by voters in 2008, provides architectural services for the replacement of fencing at schools including Abbott, Audubon, Beresford, Borel, Brewer Island, George Hall, Highlands, Horral, Laurel, Meadow Heights, North Shoreview, and Sunnybrae.

These services include a review of existing fencing and layouts of new or replacement fencing, a local fire authority review, and the provision of design drawings and construction documents for the removal of existing fencing, and the installation of new 8-foot fencing to separate the campus core from play areas. The front of the campuses will receive powder coated ornamental steel fencing, and the remainder of the campus will receive 8-foot vinyl coated chain link fences. For more information, contact the District's Facilities Department at (650) 312-7899. To see examples of fencing already in place, visit <http://www.smfc.k12.ca.us/activeprojects>.

Spring Cleaning

Spring traditionally is the time to clean house. If you feel overwhelmed with possessions and would like more room and less stuff, here are some useful tips:

- Go to <http://www.recologysanmateocounty.com> and click on Bulky Items to schedule a free Bulky Item Pick Up.
- Advertise on your Nextdoor Neighborhood website to give away or sell your items. Not a Nextdoor member? Ask a neighbor who is to invite you, or sign up at the next BHNA meeting, and a BHNA member will invite you.
- Schedule a pick up of your donations with Parca at <http://parca.org/donate>.
- Contact <http://www.smchealth.org/hhw> to make an appointment to drop of your hazardous materials.

Upcoming Events

April 12th: Free workshop, "Fuschias: Demonstration of Pruning and Care" at the San Mateo Garden Center, 1 – 3 PM.

April 27th: San Carlos Wildflower Hike, 1 – 4 PM, starts at Pulgas Ridge Preserve. Details at http://www.openspace.org/activities/activity_detail.asp?activity_ID=2573

May 10th: Plant sale at the San Mateo Garden Center from 10 AM – 4 PM

Favorite Merchant

Kanna Spa, located at 2041 Pioneer Court in San Mateo, is a fabulous place to relax. The staff takes great pride in providing consistent, quality services. Whether you are looking for a relaxing massage, a body wrap, a facial or a waxing, Kanna Spa does it in a welcoming environment that will immediately put you at ease. Lisa, Arbor Lane.

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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