



Beresford/Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

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July 2014

BHNA's Annual Summer Social

Tuesday, July 15th, 2014
7:30 PM

Beresford Recreation Center
(28th & Alameda)

note: member votes may be taken

July General Meeting

The wait is almost over for BHNA's Annual Summer Social!

This month, BHNA holds its annual Summer Social on July 15th. Come and celebrate summer with us at this fun event. There will be cake, ice cream, and live music. Returning from last year is the local band The Tarabytes, who are well known for their wonderful acoustic versions of popular music from the sixties and other by-gone eras. The Summer Social is also a

great opportunity to meet new people and build relationships with your neighbors.

The Summer Social will be a great event for all members and their friends and family, so come for some tasty refreshments, interesting conversations, and fantastic live music. Please feel free to bring along the younger members of your family. Children are welcome at this event. See you there!

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

Upcoming BHNA General Meetings

August – Summer Break – no meeting

September 16th, 2014 - Pollution Prevention Program Team

October 21st, 2014 – Reserve the date for a speaker to be announced

November 18th, 2014 – San Mateo County Ombudsman Program

June Meeting Recap

At our June general meeting, Sergeant Dave Norris of the SMPD spoke about tools the SMPD uses to keep the public safe, and about current crime trends. As the SMPD Community and Media Public Relations officer, Sgt. Norris noted that web based applications and social media tools are being used more than ever to reach out to residents. These include the Community Alert System (www.smcalert.info) and crime trends (www.crimereports.com). In addition, public safety messages, community alerts, and press releases are available on <http://www.nixle.com/> and through the SMPD Twitter page (www.twitter.com/sanmateopd). The police department is also working to develop additional tools to reach out to the community.

There are two current crime trends – both of which are phone scams – that are being seen locally. If you receive a call from someone who claims to be a representative of an official organization, such as the IRS or PG&E, and tells you that you owe money, do not respond, and do not give out any information. Often these scammers ask you to buy a money card and send

it to them. Do not do so! There is also a "grandson scam," which targets older and non-English speaking citizens and asks them to send money to help one of their relatives. Do not give any information to the caller – check with your family. Report suspicious calls to the police. To avoid crimes of opportunity, make sure to keep doors, windows and side gates locked, especially when you are not present. Always keep vehicles locked, especially in large parking lots, with no valuables in view.

Sgt. Norris reported that we now have two police dogs, Ajax and Hero, that are both being trained in building searches, arrest techniques, tracking, and detection of drugs and/or explosives. Furthermore, there is a new Surveillance System registry application, called NEST, under development. We are fortunate to live in a community with a proactive and communicative police force that is looking for ways to keep us safer and more informed on current crime issues.

National Night Out is Coming Up!

This year, National Night Out is Tuesday, August 5th from 6:30 - 9 PM. National Night Out is an event designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and community, raise crime prevention awareness and develop partnerships between the City and its community. Everyone in the neighborhood is encouraged to set out some tables and chairs and bring food for a night of fun. If your block is already an official "Neighborhood Watch" block, you will get a visit from a police representative. In past years, firemen visited community members, the police chief arrived in an old-fashioned police wagon, and there were even pictures with the Crime Dog. This is a great opportunity to bring your neighbors together and to get to know them better. Take a look at www.cityofsanmateo.org/index.aspx?nid=1781 for the informational flyer and registration form. The deadline for registration is August 1st. You can fax registration forms to (650) 522-7711, or email rinkj@cityofsanmateo.org.

Who to Call About Neighborhood Visual Blight

San Mateo wants to help you keep your neighborhood clean. The City has an ordinance that defines what constitutes a "property nuisance" and prohibits the storage and accumulation of certain items in public view. Some of the items that must be kept out of public view include recycling, yard waste and trash bins (except on pick up days), uncultivated grass and weeds over one foot tall, accumulated debris and discarded furniture or other household equipment, fences in disrepair, and inoperative or disabled vehicles. Visit <http://qcode.us/codes/sanmateo/> and check out Ordinance 7.16.040. You may call Code Enforcement at 522-7150 to report incidences of visual blight.

"The Spot" Hours Correction

In our May newsletter, we featured The Spot on 25th Avenue as our Favorite Merchant. We reported the hours as 10 AM to 5 PM, which were incorrect. The hours are actually 6:30 AM to 6 PM Monday through Friday, and 7:30 AM to 3 PM on Saturday. The restaurant is closed on Sundays.

Change to Library Hours

Starting July 7th, there will be a change in library hours, due to the success of the library's last author appearance event. The downtown library will begin opening at 10 AM during the week. The Hillside branch is now open at 1 PM on Tuesdays, and the Marina branch is now open at 1 PM on Mondays.

2014 City Services Academy

The City of San Mateo is now accepting applications for the 2014 City Services Academy. The free academy will meet Wednesday evenings from August 27th to November 12th. The Academy features speakers, tours and educational lessons about the goals of many organizations in our community. Call Laurie Strange at 522-7000 or find applications at <http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/index.aspx?nid=108>.

Upcoming Events

July 8th – October 14th: The 25th Avenue Farmer's Market (in the parking lot of the First Presbyterian Church) is held every Tuesday night from 4 to 7:30 PM. Shop for fresh, California-grown fruits and vegetables at good prices.

July 10th – August 15th: Concerts are held in Central Park each Thursday night at 6 PM as part of the Central Park Music Series. More information can be found at the City's website, <http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/index.aspx?NID=1367>.

July 13th: Mobile Pet adoption from 12 noon – 3 PM in the Macy's Center Court. Come and adopt a furry friend at the SPCA/Peninsula Humane Society's mobile pet adoption. Occurs the 2nd Sunday of every month.

August 2nd: Radio Disney brings Disney Junior's first little princess, Sofia, to Hillsdale mall from 12 – 2 PM. Kids are invited to dress up and learn royal manners and can participate in arts and crafts and a royal procession.

Support Our Neighborhood Merchants!

BHNA's area includes opportunities for neighborhood shopping at the Laurelwood Center, on 37th Ave., and at the Bel Mateo (41st, 42nd, and 43rd Ave) retail area. The 25th 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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