



## Beresford/Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

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

September 2014

### Pollution Prevention Program

Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
7:30 PM

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

*note: member votes may be taken*

### September General Meeting

First we recycled plastic bottles, next we separated our newspapers from our trash, now we bring our own bags to the grocery store. Many of us participate in the coastal clean up day. What more can we do?

"Plenty!" says Kathryn Cooke, who is the Pollution Prevention Specialist with San Mateo County Environmental Health Services and Public Information, and the Participation Program

Manager for the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program. Previously, she worked on environmental issues for several South Bay cities.

At our September General meeting, Ms. Cooke will be speaking about disposal of household hazardous waste, including pharmaceuticals and used oil. She will inform us about litter and watershed pollution prevention. If you have your nails polished professionally, you will be interested in a discussion of the Healthy Nail Salon Recognition Program. Please join us on September 16<sup>th</sup> for refreshments and an informative evening!

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

### Upcoming BHNA General Meetings

**October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014** – District 22 State Assembly Member Kevin Mullin

**November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014** – Director of San Mateo County Ombudsman Program;  
Holiday Drawing

**December 2014** – Enjoy the holidays! We meet again on January 16, 2015

### 2013-14 BHNA General Meetings in Review

In July, we once again ended our year-round series of monthly general meetings with a Summer Social. This year, children were invited, and their presence made this a true family gathering. The Tarabytes set up their band on the outdoor patio and played a selection of popular hits from the past. Young and old enjoyed cake and ice cream from local merchants while socializing with old and new friends and humming along to the music. It was a fun night for all! Thanks to all board members who made this another memorable event.

Over the course of the last year, BHNA presented a series of well-received speakers at its general meetings. As has become tradition in election years, in October 2013, BHNA presented the City Council candidates running for office in November, and in January 2014 our new mayor spoke about current issues and future plans.

In September 2013, members heard from Casey Fromson about the Caltrain Electrification Program and November brought Nicole Sandkulla from the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency. In February Kenneth Chin talked about San Mateo's Long Term Vision to Re-Engineer Transportation (the Sustainable Streets Plan), and City Planner Darcy Foresell updated us on the Bay Meadows project and developments on South Delaware in March. Upgrades to San Mateo Parks, particularly the Beresford Playground Renovation project, were the topic of Sheila Canzian's presentation in April, followed by a historical discussion of San Mateo's past by professor Michael Svanevik in May. We rounded out the speaker series in June with a very educational and informative Crime Prevention talk by Sergeant Dave Norris of the San Mateo Police Department.

The 2014-15 season promises many equally entertaining and instructive events. Don't miss the opportunity to learn something about issues vital to your community and to meet your neighbors.

### **Watering Your Lawn in a Drought**

Many San Mateo residents have decided to discontinue the watering of their lawns during the drought. For those that wish to keep watering, but would like to use as little water as possible, the options can be confusing. The City recommends that you water your lawns in the early morning to minimize evaporation. Watering in the evening is not recommended as diseases can develop in a lawn that does not dry. The City also says that one thorough watering is better than several light waterings.

Lawns need one inch of water per week. If it is extremely hot, water one inch every three days. You can measure by putting an empty tuna can on your lawn. When it is filled, you have watered one inch and should stop. Never allow runoff onto sidewalks or driveways. Such runoff is one of the uses prohibited under the July 2014 State emergency regulations and could result in a \$500 fine. Check for news on regulations and conservation tips at [www.calwater.com/conservation/drought-update](http://www.calwater.com/conservation/drought-update).

### **Abundant Harvest Time**

It is that wonderful time of the year when community and home gardens are full of nature's bounty. Perhaps your hard work has paid off over-abundantly! If you are wondering what to do with your surplus production, here are some suggestions: take your fruit or vegetables to the Samaritan House Food Pantry, 4031 Pacific Blvd. (703-3398), or Second Harvest Food Bank at 1051 Bing Street in San Carlos (610-0800). Please pack in cardboard boxes, crates, or sturdy containers to prevent damage, and bring only fresh fruit and vegetables that are in good condition. Drop-off early in the week is preferred. Your sharing spirit will be very much appreciated.

### **Mosquito and Vector Control**

The San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District is an independent district devoted to safeguarding the health of San Mateo County citizens through a program aimed at reducing mosquitoes and other disease vectors. The program combines surveillance with physical, biological, and chemical control methods. You can report a mosquito problem by calling (650) 344-8592. Check for updates on scheduled mosquito fogging and other control measures at <http://www.smcmad.org>.

## Changes in Our Neighborhood

There may be some changes in our neighborhood. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, the San Mateo Daily Journal reported about a proposal to install permanent sports field lights at the five high schools in our district, including Hillsdale High School (HHS). Linda Lees Dwyer, the President of the Board of Trustees, supports the lighting, and says that the Board wants to engage the community to make sure there is no opposition to the idea.

The District Superintendent's office notes that currently nothing is being done in regard to any permanent lighting at the HHS sports field. Before that is considered, there will be a process, including a panel that includes the community for input. High school coaches approached the San Mateo United Home Owners Association (SMUHA), and SMUHA recommended they get in touch with all the local neighborhood associations to make a presentation regarding the lights.

Please contact Ms. Dwyer at [ldwyer@smuhd.org](mailto:ldwyer@smuhd.org) if you have any comments. <http://www.smdailyjournal.com/articles/sports/2014-07-04/move-to-install-lights-at-san-mateo-district-high-schools/1776425126035.html> provides more information.

## Upcoming Events

**September 13<sup>th</sup>:** The San Mateo Garden Center will host a free workshop entitled "Pest Management: Good Bugs and Bad Bugs" from 1 – 3 PM.

**September 20<sup>th</sup>:** From 9 AM – 4 PM, the San Mateo Garden Center will have a plant sale. There will be easy-to-care-for succulents and other wonderful kinds of plants!

**September 20<sup>th</sup>:** It's Coastal Cleanup Day again, at the Coyote Point Recreation Area and at Ryder Park. See [www.flowstobay.org/ccd](http://www.flowstobay.org/ccd) for more information.

**September 19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>:** Friends of the Library Annual Fall Book Sale, Main Library.

## Favorite Merchant

Horizon Renovation Co., owned by a father and son team Tony & Kent Tsang, has taken over the vacant shop on the corner of 25<sup>th</sup> and El Camino. The business specializes in windows, doors, baths, kitchens and stonework. They have their own production facility in Southern California, which means product is available in a week instead of months, and there is no middleman mark up. Make sure to visit the showroom at 2460 S. El Camino to see their beautiful work! 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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