



Beresford/Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

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October 2014

State Assembly Member

Kevin Mullin

**Tuesday, October 21st, 2014
7:30 PM**

Beresford Recreation Center
(28th & Alameda)

note: member votes may be taken

October General Meeting

Our speaker for the October General Meeting will be Kevin Mullin, our State Assembly Representative. Assembly Member Mullin is a former city councilmember and mayor of South San Francisco, a local business owner, and a former state legislative aide. He was elected in November 2012 to represent our district. His roots run deep in San Mateo County, as he graduated from Junipero Serra High School.

Assemblyman Mullin will inform us on the opportunities facing our state and discuss their impact on our neighborhood and city. We will also learn about Water Bonds (Proposition 1 and 2) and other propositions on the November Ballot. Please bring your questions and expect a lively and informative discussion!

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

Upcoming BHNA General Meetings

November 18th, 2014 – Tippy Irwin, San Mateo County Ombudsman Program and Lena Potts, HIP Housing

December 2014 – Enjoy the holidays! We meet again in January, 2015

BHNA Member Feedback Sought!

Kevin Mullin is only one of the many speakers that have brought interesting topics and important information about our neighborhood and city to BHNA Members. Please give us your feedback! Let us know what you enjoyed, and why, and what issues we should address in the future, by writing to the address listed on the back of this newsletter or sending an email to president@beresfordhillsdale.org.

September General Meeting Recap

The September General Meeting featured Kathryn Cooke, the Pollution Prevention Specialist for San Mateo Environmental Health Services, and Timothy Swillinger, the program lead for San Mateo Environmental Health Services. They spoke to members about programs that educate citizens about environmental issues and preventive measures in San Mateo County. One such

program is the Household Hazardous Waste Program, a free, county-wide program that allows you to drop off hazardous items such as paints, light bulbs and household solvents. Another program is the Oil Recycling Program, which has 60 collection centers, including Jiffy Lube, AutoZone and O'Reilly, that will take used oil. A pharmaceutical disposal program allows citizens to drop off old medicines at police stations and at the Environmental Shoreway Center, and a Healthy Nail Salon Program that certifies salons.

One of the biggest programs is the Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program. It focuses on current issues with water pollution, one of which is the lack of funding to support laws that prevent water pollution. Kathryn and Timothy told members that storm drains are the biggest problems because they take pollutants directly to the bay, and that litter, pesticides, mercury, fertilizers, and motor waste are also sources of pollution. Make sure to clean up after yourself and be careful about what goes down drains to prevent any more water pollution!

Water Wise Gardening

The Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency offers free lectures and hands-on workshops on topics that promote water-efficiency. Their focus is on sustainable landscaping, water-efficient irrigation practices and alternatives to lawns. Dates, times and locations may be found at www.bawsca.org or by calling (650) 349-3000.

New Businesses in San Mateo

San Mateo is expecting two additions to the El Camino merchant family. You may already know the arts and crafts store, Michael's, is coming to the old Borders location at 2925 S. El Camino. Opening is slated for October 24th. Their website notes that this new location will have not only a wide selection of arts & crafts, but also a range of seasonal products.

By the first of the year, there also will be a new place to satisfy your coffee cravings. Cathy Oyster, owner of The Espresso Lane project (going in at the corner of El Camino and W. 20th Avenue,) is excited to announce that construction should get underway this month on this new drive through coffee/espresso destination!

Upcoming Events

October 11th: The Garden Center, located at 605 Parkside Way, holds its next "How-To" workshop, "Easy Options for Winter Soil Care." The Clinic starts at 1 PM.

October 31st: "Halloween Happenings" will be held from 6 - 8 PM at the King Community Center. This event is a fun and safe Halloween party for kids.

Renovations at Beresford Park – Join the Conversation!

The Parks and Recreation Department is moving forward with renovations at Beresford Park, but that can't happen without your help. The Department invites you to join the conversation at www.sanmateotownhall.org, a new community engagement website that allows citizens to add their ideas to the planning process for the renovation. It's easy for active citizens to join the conversation. Enter the virtual town hall at the website anytime, anywhere to contribute new ideas and expand on those you like. You can even submit links, photos, maps, and videos to further expand on your point. The City of San Mateo will stay tuned to see what San Mateo residents want in the new playground; and if the tool proves successful, the City will use it for future projects. The Beresford Park Project is moving forward, but the process is much more likely to succeed with your ideas, so please join the conversation online at San Mateo Town Hall!

We Want You!

There is a lot going on in San Mateo – what better time to be involved in BHNA? At the end of

this year, we will have board positions opening up, and we are looking for people willing to fill those positions. For the year, you will be asked to attend our ten Board Meetings and help with the BHNA General Meetings. If you prioritize giving back to your neighborhood or would like to help provide vital information to local residents, please consider joining the BHNA Board. For more information, contact BHNA at board@beresfordhillsdale.org.

Nueva School Opening

We have a new school in town! The Nueva School officially opened its Bay Meadows campus last month, with the idea to re-envision the traditional high school experience and address the unique needs of 21st century students. The school’s Director of Communications, Paula Murphy, says that Nueva School is known for its “inquiry-based interdisciplinary studies, project based learning, and work in emotional learning and design thinking.” Currently, 9th and 10th grade students are attending the Upper School, and there are plans for 11th and 12th graders to be added over the next two years. The grand opening of the Bay Meadows campus will be held on October 11th. For more information, go to www.nuevaschool.org.

Cleaning Your Gutters

With the rainy season fast approaching, it is important to remember to clean your gutters so as to prevent overflow, which can damage your landscaping and siding. You should clean your gutters at least once a year and after any big storms. Wear rubber gloves and long sleeves, and use a plastic shovel to scoop gunk out of the gutters. Dump the gunk onto a plastic tarp to spare your lawn, and finally, flush out gutters and downspouts with a hose. You may also hire someone for anywhere from \$50-\$250 to clean your gutters for you, if climbing ladders is not your cup of tea. Finally, if you would like to try to prevent your gutters from clogging, there are gutter covers for sale, but keep in mind that they need regular maintenance.

Favorite Merchant

Kangaroo Mobile, located at 118 W. 25th Ave. in San Mateo, is a fabulous place to get your computers, cell phones, tablets, and gaming consoles repaired. They offer competitive prices and most repairs are done while you wait. Services include virus removal, upgrades, data backups, and screen and water damage repairs. They also offer phones and accessories for purchase. Andrea, 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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