



## Beresford/Hillsdale Neighborhood Association

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September 2015

### **SMFC School District Next Steps Committee Report**

and

### **Larry Patterson on Measure S**

**Tuesday, September 15, 2015**

**7:30 PM**

Beresford Recreation Center  
(28<sup>th</sup> & Alameda)  
*note: member votes may be taken*

### **September General Meeting**

Are you concerned that what you read in newspapers or hear from others may not be accurate?

At this month's General Meeting you will learn about two bond measures, straight from two men who have been instrumental in bringing these bond measures to the November ballot. We are pleased to welcome Ed Coady, a member of the Board of Trustees of the San Mateo-Foster City School District and of the Next Steps Advisory Committee, talk about Measure X, which will support the expected increase in student enrollment.

Also at our meeting will be Larry Patterson, San Mateo City Manager, speaking about Measure S. If approved by the voters, this extension measure would continue locally-controlled funds designated to address: (1) infrastructure such as maintaining sidewalks and fixing potholes and failing streets, and (2) quality of life services such as crime prevention with after school, anti-gang and recreation programs, 911 emergency response times and fire protection. A recent study showed San Mateo has over \$360 million in basic infrastructure needs without a funding source. Measure S includes mandatory financial audits, reports to the community and a Citizens' Oversight Committee to ensure that funds continue to be spent responsibly, and consistent with community priorities. For additional information see <http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/MeasureS>.

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

### **Upcoming BHNA General Meetings**

**October 20<sup>th</sup>** – Meet the Candidates for City Council: Rick Bonilla, Maureen Freschet, Thomas Morgan, Diane Papan, and Karen Schmidt

### **July General Meeting Recap**

Once again, BHNA's Annual Ice Cream Social was a successful and enjoyable event. We were happy to welcome several neighbors that had not attended any BHNA function before, as well as a number of our most long-standing members. The Montgomery Coe Band provided lively music, and the ice cream and cakes, as well as the coffee (donated by Starbucks) provided welcome refreshment.

In honor of our 25th anniversary a memory board was on display containing past newsletters, a list of board members over the past 25 years, and the donations, totaling \$8,400, that BHNA made to several organizations over the years. Richard Schram, BHNA's first president and

founding member, spoke to the attendees about BHNA and its history and accomplishments. Christine Wampole, another long-time member, spoke about her involvement in the early days of BHNA and handed out flyers regarding the plans to build 350 condos along the steep hillside near Peninsula Golf Club. Opposition to these plans had been the impetus for the founding of BHNA. Thank you to all who made this event possible and whose participation made it memorable!

### **SMPD - New Community Officer for Area 2**

In July we said "goodbye" to Lt. Dave Perazzaro and said 'hello' to Lt. Art Sanchez, who is our new area officer. Please feel free to contact him with any area issues or concerns. His contacts are [asanchez@cityofsanmateo.org](mailto:asanchez@cityofsanmateo.org) and (650) 522-7686.

### **Remember the Trees**

Most of us are doing a great job cutting down on excessive outdoor water use. Many lawns have gone golden, and there no longer is water running onto the sidewalks when the sprinklers are on. What is not so visible is the effect on our trees. They have become accustomed to all the water they received when we were keeping our lawns green. Now that is gone, most trees will need some special attention to stay healthy. One solution would be a laundry-to-landscape system that takes the water from your washing machine directly to your trees. <http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/documentcenter/view/45967>. Or save the water from your shower while it is warming up. Many more useful tips on how to keep our trees healthy are at <http://sactree.com/assets/docs/Drought%20Tips%20Infographic.pdf>.

### **Did You Know?**

Over 20% of San Mateo households are on Nextdoor.com? This site will email updates from your neighbors to you, classified postings, events, neighborhood news, etc. If you haven't signed up, give it a try. There is a "share with police" feature on Nextdoor.com to post crime and safety news that will be monitored and forwarded to the appropriate SMPD area lieutenant. Nextdoor.com is divided into small areas, such as "25th Avenue," and only residents of your immediate neighborhood may be members.

### **Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off**

Do you have any unwanted paint, garden chemicals, cleaning products or other toxic products cluttering up your house? Make an appointment to drop them off for free at one of the San Mateo County drop-off events. A complete list of dates is on <http://www.flowstobay.org/calendar>. Or go to <http://www.smchealth.org/hhwa> to make an appointment.

### **Prepare for Fires, Floods and Other Disasters - FREE Classes**

"Get Ready" for a disaster by learning how to help your family and your community in an emergency situation. Basic disaster preparedness classes are offered for FREE at the San Mateo Senior Center, 2645 Alameda De las Pulgas. Upcoming dates are Saturday, September 19, 9:30-11:30am, Tuesday, October 29, 9:30-11:30 am, and Monday November 9, 9:30 - 11:30 am.

### **BHNA Still Needs You**

We hope everyone had a great time celebrating our 25th anniversary. Thank you to the Montgomery Coe Band and having the former board members and founder attend the event and share how it all started. If you would like information about joining our Board, learning about our city's future, helping to plan future events and meeting San Mateo's leaders, please let us know. We have several opportunities available.

## Right in the Midst of Our Neighborhood

BHNA is fortunate to have the San Mateo Senior Center right in our midst. Our Senior Center hosts a vibrant mix of activities, from yoga classes to a history seminar, from bingo to billiards and mahjong. If you are 50+, we encourage you to make use of the facility. Check <http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/index.aspx?NID=638> for details. Here are some examples of Regular Senior Center Programming:

**Bingo.** Every Wednesday from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. (Doors open at 1:30 pm)

**Book Discussion Group.** 2nd Tuesday of the month, 10:00 am. Drop-ins welcome.

**Arm Chair Travel.** Video clips of wonderful destinations, every Friday at 1:00 pm.

**Movie Daze & Hot Dog Lunch.** Thursdays at noon; lunch and movie afterwards.

**Drop In Billiards.** Every Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.

**Band.** Fridays from 9:00 - 10:30am, reconnect with the musician inside of you.

**Chorus.** Fridays from 10:15 - 11:30 am, you can sing away with other music lovers.

**World Current Events.** Fridays from 1:30 - 3:30pm, join Eric Gattman, former professor on current events, as he leads a lively dialogue on today's world events.

**ESL Classes.** Wednesdays from 9:00 - 10:30am.

## Upcoming Events

**September 15<sup>th</sup>:** 25th Avenue Block Party, 5:30–8:00 pm

**September 16<sup>th</sup>:** California Writers Club Open Mike, 7:30-9:30 pm at Reach and Teach, 114 W. 25th Ave. Listen to local writers discussing their latest work.

**September 19<sup>th</sup>:** 31<sup>st</sup> Bayfront Cleanup, 8:00-noon, Ryder Park; prizes, live music and food. <http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/bayfrontcleanup>

## Favorite Merchant

Reach & Teach at 144 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Ave is a glowing example of our unique local stores. Enter, and you are transported to a peaceful, slower-paced oasis. They carry many books and games, but you can also find jewelry, farmer's market products, local honey, and fair trade products to pamper yourself. In addition to their calendared gaming nights, the store also stands out with its continuous efforts to benefit San Mateo County by collecting community donations for varying folks in need.

**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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