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### Join the 2016 Commuter Challenge – Thru May 31st

Rethink your commute and be rewarded! Commute.org is challenging San Mateo County commuters to be part of the traffic solution. Take part in the Challenge to make a positive impact and earn chances to win weekly and grand prizes! Join the Challenge by registering at [www.my.commute.org](http://www.my.commute.org). Then, stay tuned as you qualify for fabulous weekly and grand prize drawings! You'll also see how many pounds of emissions, gallons of gas, and dollars you're saving.

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**If you picked up this newsletter at one of our neighborhood locations, and aren't yet a member, we encourage you to join and keep informed! Contact an officer above or visit our website at <http://www.beresfordhillsdale.org/>.**

### May General Meeting/Speaker Series

There is plenty going on this summer in San Mateo! Get plugged in with information about local events and Park & Recreation courses. Additionally, summer brings mosquitoes! The Zika virus is on the minds of many. The Public Health, Education & Outreach Officer of Vector Control will speak about Zika and mosquito abatement.

### Upcoming BHNA General Meetings

**June 2016** – Our June Speaker Series event will include Peninsula Open Space Trust speaker Neal Sharma.

**July 2016** – You're invited to BHNA's Annual Summer Celebration!  
*BHNA general membership meetings are every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm-9pm*

### Recap of April General Meeting for Earth Month

Our Lyngso Garden Materials speaker discussed how simple changes to our gardens can make a huge impact on our environment. The relationship between plants and soil is a living community, and all of the organisms in soil play an important role in soil health and our own health. We learned so much, including how fertilizers

### BHNA Speaker Series

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

7:30 PM

### Summer Happenings & Mosquito Prevention

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

actually eliminate life in the soil. Rather, grass cycling and applying compost two times a year is the best thing for a lawn. Or choose to get rid of you lawn and go with native plants, which don't require chemical fertilizers or additional irrigation every week.

Climate Reality Leader & BHNA Board member Belinda Chlouber showed a short movie about the Paris COP21 Conference, where 196 countries reached a historic agreement to stop global warming. We learned about the biggest sources of greenhouse omissions, and saw examples additional global warming issues throughout the world. For more information on this, visit <https://www.climaterealityproject.org/>.

### **BHNA Report on the April San Mateo Homeowners United Meeting**

BHNA Board Member Rod Linhares attended & reports:

A primary topic was the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The purpose of establishing a new Treatment Plant is to upgrade San Mateo's wastewater collection system, which would be accomplished in three ways: replacing aging infrastructure and facilities, meeting current and future regulatory requirements and ensuring wet weather capacity, and protecting the Bay. Additional education for the entire city and corresponding discussion will be forthcoming.

Following the Wastewater Plant presentation, there was a very brief discussion on Measure AA, the Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure. A flyer that opposed the measure was circulated, too.

A SMUHA letter to the City was read regarding proposed changes to the Poplar Creek golf course, expressing the need for recreational amenities in San Mateo, and SMUHA's desire to be involved in discussions concerning potential golf course alterations. SMUHA representatives endorsed the letter, and it was submitted April 22nd.

### **Poplar Creek Golf Course – Future & FootGolf!**

Poplar Creek has become the focus of new city discussions involving its future. Last month, the San Mateo United Homeowners Association sent a letter to City Hall asking that it "...be preserved as recreational green space for all future generations to enjoy." Mayor Goethals responded that there is significant debt attached to that space, but he appreciates the concern. In regard to the future, he noted, "Each of us must participate in this process to make Poplar Creek the best possible space for the community and our kids."

Poplar Creek is showing its community value with the recently opened 18-hole, American FootGolf course, located on the front nine holes. Fun for groups or families, FootGolf is a game combining the skills of soccer & golf, using a No. 5 soccer ball with 21-inch holes. FootGolf is open at Poplar daily after 4pm. for groups of up to 6 people at \$16 per person on weekdays, and \$19 on weekends. Kids 17 & under play every day for just \$10. No cleats allowed. Golf carts may be rented for \$20. Bring your own ball or rent one for \$3 on a first come basis. For more info, check out

[www.poplarcreekgolf.com](http://www.poplarcreekgolf.com) or call 650-522-4653.

### **Introducing New Taxes**

Last month, we reported on San Mateo's \$1 billion price tag for our wastewater treatment upgrades, which will require a sewer tax increase of 9% each year for homeowners to help fund.

This month, we introduce both sides of the 20 year, \$25 million annual funding MEASURE AA is asking taxpayers for. Measure AA, the San Francisco Bay Clean Water, Pollution Prevention and Habitat Restoration Measure, is a proposal that will be on the June 2016 ballot of nine Bay Area counties:

**AGAINST:** We all care about the Bay, but Measure AA is not about saving the Bay. Measure AA gives a blank check to politicians, & allows its board to increase the tax with a majority vote at will over 20 years. This measure is taxation without representation & has no transparency. Never before have 9 counties been under one tax; a recipe for inequity & unfairness. We already pay federal taxes for the Army Corps of Engineers to steward shoreline/wetlands, so ask, "How many governing special authorities does it take to do the same job?" The list of beneficiaries clamoring for the passage of Measure AA is endless, including tech companies. Last month, their agendized grant guidelines allowed for "grant awards to public and private entities," which include but are not limited to owners and operators of shoreline parcels in the San Francisco Bay Area, and include federal, state, local and nonprofit entities. Measure AA's 'solution' is not feasible with no coordinated efforts to accomplish its promises. Yet they are spending \$2-5 million to get your vote. The public is best served if control stays local.

Vote NO on Measure AA. More info at: <http://stopaa.org/about/>

**FOR:** In June, voters in all 9 Bay Area counties will vote. The "Clean and Healthy Bay Ballot Measure," would raise at least \$500 million over 20 years to fund critical Bay restoration and flood protection projects. This measure needs 2/3 of Bay Area voters behind it. Measure AA will fund wetlands restoration projects around the Bay that will expand habitats to increase wildlife populations, reduce Bay Pollution, enhance public shoreline access, and protect shoreline communities from flooding. Save The Bay has the chance to work with groups and individuals with whom we may not regularly work and with whom we do not always agree. This includes business groups, organized labor, and a wide array of elected officials and community leaders in a large geographic area. Projects will be prioritized based on their positive impact on the San Francisco Bay as a whole, with provisions to ensure that projects will be funded in each of the Bay Area's nine counties. These funds would help complete large-scale restoration projects like the ones at Sears Point, Bair Island and the South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project. Vote YES on Measure AA. More info at: <http://www.savesfbay.org/MeasureAA>

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