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YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SUMMER CELEBRATION!

July 18th Beresford Recreation Center at 7:30 p.m.

Last year, attendees had a great time visiting with neighbors, enjoying a root beer float station, outdoor kid zone and dancing under the summer sky to a live band. Kids & grown-ups won amazing raffle prizes from Hillsdale Mall, Reach & Teach, Velo City Pizza and much more!

We celebrate our members with this event, but you may also become a member at the door for entry for just \$12 for the entire family! This support keeps the BHNA going strong, and allows you to receive our informational newsletters throughout the year. *We hope to see you there!*

YOU'RE INVITED!
July 18th
Summer
Celebration
September 19th
Council Candidates

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BIG NEWS! MEET NOVEMBER'S COUNCIL CANDIDATES AT CITY HALL - September 19th at 7:30 p.m., 330 w. 20th Avenue

BHNA has a proud heritage of hosting a Candidates Night for council elections so residents can familiarize themselves with those running, and hear what they will do if elected as leaders of our city. Residents with concerns about traffic, development, City Hall transparency, and the expiration of the measure limiting building heights understand this will be a very important election. We are making this a citywide event this year, and therefore meeting at City Hall in the Council Chambers. Please join us for an evening which is sure to play an important role in your decision-making process.

TURN AROUND & GET TALLER From Suburban to Urban?

“Time flies” the saying goes, and so the year 2020 will get here before we know it. That year is very important because it will dictate if taller building developments will be a permanent part of San Mateo. Noteworthy is that the City Council we put into place this November will play a major role.

The story begins in 1991 when concerned residents put together Measure H to amend San Mateo’s General Plan. It reduced the allowable height and density standards for development from 120 feet (12 story buildings) to the current maximum of 55 feet in areas identified for high density. Residents were in favor and passed Measure H.

When H was set to expire in 2005, Measure P was placed on the ballot to allow the voters to decide whether to continue the Measure H limits on building heights. Measure P handily passed, but will sunset at the end of 2020. City Council members elected this November will be in office then, and can decide whether to extend Measure P by again placing a measure on the ballot, and allowing residents to cast their votes.

Interestingly, there has been mounting pressure to ‘get taller’ as we continue to develop our city. The 2015 Downtown San Mateo Technical Assistance Panel Report makes it evident that any height increase considered would minimally have to go from 55 feet to about 85 feet to cover associated construction cost increases.

Maxine Turner, one of the original authors of Measure H, notes the similarities between the current development pressures and community quality of life impacts with those that served as a catalyst for Measure H in the first place. She notes that San Mateans can already be proud of our diverse city, which has played its part in providing opportunities for additional housing and businesses.

In this time of change, it is important that residents consider how they have benefitted from all the recent new developments to counter the negative impacts, including traffic & congestion. Turner notes that Measures H and P provided a critical balance between new growth and the protection of our valuable community character. Will our 2020 council allow voters to again determine the skyline of our city? That is a very good question to be asking candidates right now.

THANK YOU!

You may have noticed a change to our Newsletter banner. It’s new, thanks to our very creative BHNA Director, Belinda Chlouber! Belinda is a bona fide artist and some of her works may be seen at www.saatchiart.com/account/profile/339004. Belinda very generously gave of her time to update our look, and says about her art, “Over the last 10 years, my work has considered our relationship to other animals and the earth, exploring ideas such as communication, compassion, beauty and sustainability.” Thank you, Belinda!

Many thanks for a warm & wonderful May evening with our local small business owners. The BHNA was very pleased to host and get to know the folks at Reach & Teach, Velo City Pizza, Delights by Lisa, SNAP Fitness, Good Dog Sitting Services, Michael’s Steam Cleaning, Cambowan, Megamind Studio, Edward Jones, Share Path Academy, Help With Apps, Scrub-A-Pup, Dance Vita Ballroom, San Mateo Medical Market, West Side Fitness, & The Skin Care Studio!

Some things our members learned from that evening: Good Dog is a family business and they will administer medications to your pet during visits. Velo City Pizza serves beer & wine! Help With Apps (for college applications) offers free consultations and speaking engagements. Scrub-a-Pup has been in business 20 years!

Connect & Support! BE A BHNA MEMBER!

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