

Town of Hillsborough

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=== COMMUNITY EVENTS ===

[Light Up The Town](#)

Thursday, December 1st, 5:00pm - 6:15pm
Hillsborough Town Hall, 1600 Floribunda Avenue

Today is Hillsborough's "Light Up The Town" celebration. It was started as not only a children's event to celebrate the holiday season but was also meant to be a community "come together".



Light Up The Town originated as a thank you celebration to our Founding Friends who provided the seed money to start Hillsborough Beautification Foundation. The Founders' Stone in front of Town Hall was dedicated that night. The stone has just been restored. The event was so well received that we continued it every year. We feel it inspires a sense of community and celebration among our residents. This has become a much anticipated and well organized celebration in cooperation with the city and our Town's first responders.

Santa arrives on a fire engine each year. We decorate town hall with a live wreath, trees and poinsettias. We have had live entertainment from several residents over the years. Arts and crafts for the kids are a highlight along with a picture with Santa. Adults and children enjoy sweet treats and hot chocolate or coffee. Complimentary to all residents as a thank you for all your support.



[Associated Parents' Group of Hillsborough](#)



The Associated Parents' Groups of Hillsborough (APG) is currently seeking nominations from the entire Hillsborough community for the following two awards:

- **Hillsborough Schools' Citizen of the Year (COY)** -Honors a resident who has made a sustained and significant contribution to Hillsborough, especially to the education and well being of our children. **For more information or to submit your nomination, click [here](#).**
- **The Hillsborough Schools' Community Care Award (CCA)** Honors a non-resident, typically in a salaried position with the School District or Town of Hillsborough or other vital community role. **For more information or to submit your nomination, click [here](#).**

Deadline is December 6th, 2016. Final recipients will be selected by APG Board Members and will be honored at a reception at Town Hall. Thank you for helping us continue this time-honored tradition of recognizing those whose exceptional efforts have dramatically improved the lives of Hillsborough's children!

[Central County Fire Department Toy Drive](#)

CCFD's Annual Toy Drive is underway. This is a chance for us to make a difference in the

community and share a special gift with a child in San Mateo County. All Burlingame, Hillsborough and Millbrae Fire Stations will be collecting new, unwrapped toys as well as several collection sites until December 24th. For more information about our CCFD Toy Drive, please go to [CCFD Toy Drive](#).



=== INFORMATION ===

Holiday and Winter Fire Safety Tips by Fire Inspector, Kim Giuliacci

Put a Freeze on Winter Fires

While a warm home and a hot meal on a cold winter's day may conjure up thoughts of safety and security, the unfortunate reality is that winter is the leading time of year for home fires in the United States. Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, BE FIRE SMART! Half of all home heating fires occur in the months of December, January and February. Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 6 reported home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths. Keep portable generators outside, away from windows and as far away as possible from your house. Central County Fire Department is committed to educating the public about simple ways to stay safe from fire this holiday season.



Preparing for the Heating Season

It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Although periods of extreme cold cannot always be predicted far in advance, weather forecasts can sometimes provide you with several days notice. Listen to weather forecasts regularly and check your emergency supplies whenever a period of extreme cold is predicted.

Christmas Tree Safety

A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly. Christmas trees can remain relatively fire resistant. Follow a few simple Christmas tree and holiday decoration fire safety tips to ensure a Happy Holiday.



Remember Fire Safety

- Recut the trunk at least one inch above the old cut as soon as you get it home. This allows it to continue to pull moisture into its foliage.
- Keep the trunk in water immediately after it is recut. Moisture is the key to keeping the tree fresh and thereby enhancing its fire resistance. If the tree will be kept outside for a few days, stand it in a bucket of water until you are ready to bring it indoors.
- Locate the tree away from sources of heat. Avoid placing the tree near a heater outlet, woodstove or fireplace. Put it in the coolest location possible. Never leave a lighted tree unattended. Be careful not to block a door.
- Check the water level in the stand daily. Never let the water level go below the bottom of the trunk. Commercial floral preservatives can also be added to the water to help keep the tree fresh.
- Carefully control lights on the tree. Miniature holiday lights should be used on trees. Standard-size holiday tree lights generate heat, which accelerate the rate of drying. Do not leave lights turned on for prolonged periods or leave them unattended. Make sure all electrical cords have no frayed or cracked wires or broken sockets before placing them on the tree. Do not attempt to repair a worn light set! Throw it away and purchase a new replacement.
- Remove the tree immediately after the holidays. Even a properly cared tree will eventually die. Take it to the recycle center of leave for your refuse collector.

All of us at Central County Fire Department wishes you a Fire Safety

Winter Storm Preparedness

Sandbags for Hillsborough Residents

The Town of Hillsborough is providing free sandbags for residents who may be in need of protection from winter rains at two locations. Sandbags are available on a self-serve basis, day or night, at the Town Hall parking lot in the first parking stall adjacent to the wooden fence near the mail drop off location. The sandbags will be covered with a plastic tarp and marked with a red stripe for Town identification purposes. Sandbags will also be available for pickup at the Public Works Corporation Yard at 1320 La Honda Rd. during normal business hours. Please note there is a maximum of 15 sandbags per household and they are not for commercial or construction use.

Sandbag Delivery

The Public Works Department will make deliveries on a weekly basis for Hillsborough residents requesting delivery service in advance. Sandbags will be placed behind the curb of the resident's property. Reservations must be made 7 days in advance by phone or email at: (650) 375-7444 or pw@hillsborough.net. If emailing your request, please put the word "Sandbag" in the subject line and include the following in your message: name, telephone number, address and the number of sandbags you are requesting. Maximum of 15 sandbags per household.

Winter Water Conservation Tip

Winter has arrived along with rain showers, cooler temperatures and shorter days. Few, if any, plants will need irrigation. Please consider turning your irrigation off for the winter to conserve water and irrigate manually and only when necessary.



SMC Alert System

SMC Alert is the Town's primary notification system to reach residents and volunteer responders during a disaster, emergency or other significant event affecting the Town. If you do not currently receive SMC alerts on your mobile device or by email, the Town is advising each household adult to create an account.



SMCAAlert.info
San Mateo County's Alert System

Please register today at: www.smcalert.info

Change to Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service

The At-Your-Door Household Hazardous Waste Collection Service will no longer be

available to Town residents effective December 31. The current contract with Waste Management expires on Dec 31 and a new contract has not been renewed. Residents will also be receiving a postcard advising of this change and communicating how to dispose of hazardous household waste.

Residents are encouraged to use the San Mateo County Drop Off Location for Household Waste at the main facility at 40 Tower Road, San Mateo on Thursdays through Saturdays, by appointment only. Further information on locations, allowable waste, hours, and how to make an appointment for drop off (required), can be found at <http://www.smchealth.org/hhw>. For additional questions or to make an appointment for drop off, please contact the County program at (650) 655-6217 or wwon@smcgov.org.

HILLSBOROUGH RECREATION PROGRAM

For details on classes offered, check www.hillsboroughrecreation.com or call 650-342-5439.

Burlingame Public Library Book Drive

If it's time for you to winnow your home library, please consider dropping off your gently used books at the information desk of the Burlingame Main Library. Pick-ups for large donations can be arranged by calling the Burlingame Library Foundation at 650-558-7404 or emailing books@burlingamelibraryfoundation.org. All donations are tax-deductible.



**BURLINGAME
LIBRARY FOUNDATION**
Providing Private Funding Support Since 1995

Books are available for sale every day that the main library is open. The book sale area is located on the main level by the café and to the left of the circulation desk. In addition, the Burlingame Library Foundation holds regular sales events throughout the year. The Burlingame Library Foundation is also actively selling some of its best donated books online on several different sites. All proceeds go directly to the Foundation to benefit the Burlingame Public Library.

Burlingame Main Library
480 Primrose Road

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 9:00 pm
Friday & Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Bolt & Brace



**HOMEOWNERS MAY RECEIVE UP TO \$3,000 TOWARD A SEISMIC RETROFIT -
REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 25, 2017**

The Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB) program may be available to Hillsborough residents

with qualifying homes in 2017. Launched in 2014 by the California Earthquake Authority and California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, the EBB program is committed to helping homeowners strengthen older homes throughout California. The EBB program drive will run January 25th through February 27, 2017 with funds to complete 2,000 seismic retrofits throughout California. The program may provide up to \$3,000 toward a code complying seismic retrofit to make houses more resistant to earthquake damage. Typical retrofits cost between \$3,000 and \$5,000 and involve bolting a house to its foundation and adding bracing around the perimeter of the crawl space. Examples of homes eligible for the program are those constructed pre-1979 and have a raised continuous perimeter concrete foundation, sit on level ground or a low-slope site, and/or have wood framed walls (cripple walls) in the crawl space. Not all homes will qualify and opportunities are limited. For more information please visit EarthquakeBraceBolt.com.

Town Hall Holiday Closure

PLEASE BE AWARE OF THE UPCOMING TOWN HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURE DATES

- DECEMBER 23, 2016
- DECEMBER 26, 2016
- JANUARY 2, 2017

