

HILLSBOROUGH

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The Levy Bros. stagecoach left Half Moon Bay every morning at 6:30 a.m., hoping to reach the San Mateo depot at 9:00 a.m.

Photo: MS&SB Collection

LAST STAGE ROBBERY IN SAN MATEO COUNTY

*"Throw Down the Box,"
heard on fringe of Hillsborough*

By Michael Svanevik & Shirley Burgett

If one were looking for the perfect spot to commit a robbery on the stage line between Half Moon Bay and San Mateo in August 1905, the man in the long black overcoat and black cap couldn't have chosen a more ideal location.

The schedule of the Levy Bros. stagecoach was well known. Every morning the driver pulled away from the Occidental Hotel in sleepy Half Moon Bay precisely at 6:30 a.m. At that hour of the morning, the Mountain Road was deserted. Shortly after 8 a.m., upon passing over the Spring Valley Co. dam, he pulled north, heading for Crystal Springs Canyon and thence east, along the fringe of Hillsborough, to San Mateo. If all went well, the train depot was reached by 9 a.m.

For the superstitious and faint of heart, the winding Canyon ride was even worse than the wild lonesome mountain. The stagecoach twisted through vegetation so dense that, even on the brightest days, it was dark almost until noon.

August 17, 1905. A morning things didn't go well. As driver Ed Campbell swung into the Canyon, not far from the Casey rock quarry, a menacing masked stranger, brandishing a revolver and apparently in deadly earnest,

stood in the middle of the road. Obviously well rehearsed in stage robbery etiquette, the highwayman demanded that Campbell "throw down the box" and mail pouch, while insisting that passengers "pass the hat" into which they were supposed to drop cash, watches, rings and other such valuables.

Annie Johnston of Half Moon Bay, the single woman aboard, but no shrinking violet, grudgingly tossed in \$3 while managing to tuck the rest of her egg money beneath the riding cushion. Mr. J.C. Santos searched deep in his pockets but came up with a single buck while maintaining a measly dime for himself. Peter Juli, whose tale later became immortalized in the song and story of stagecoach robberies, added in a munificent 31 cents. Only Ollie Oleson, a meek-mannered Swede, was especially concerned; not only did he have an expensive watch and ring, his wallet bulged with \$100.

And the Swede probably would have lost it all had it not been for an approaching wagon. Annoyed and disappointed by this unexpected interruption, the hapless highwayman sent the stage along its way. Only then did he find the cash box empty and the total amount of loot he got for getting up so early was less than \$5.

And still, even with this unscheduled stop, Campbell got the stagecoach to San Mateo almost on schedule. Pale and traumatized passengers told of their harrowing saga. Soon the town was abuzz with excitement.

Stage heists anywhere in the West, successful or no, were akin to bank robbery and absolutely never taken lightly. Sheriff Joel H. Mansfield was summoned. He formed a posse and began combing the hills of San Mateo and Hillsborough for any trace of the robber. Armed guards took up positions on all nearby roads. San Mateo constables Maurice F. Boland and Michael Sheehan, shotguns loaded at the ready, joined the manhunt. John Thacker, an ace Wells Fargo & Co. detective, was dispatched from San Francisco to provide professional assistance to local authorities.

For all concerned, it was a baffling experience. Only a few pieces of opened mail blowing in the morning breeze, obviously of no value to the highwayman and discarded, were all that was ever found. The masked desperado, who passengers later managed to agree was somewhere between five and nine feet tall, had made good his escape.

Nevertheless, the August 17, 1905, robbery was one for the record books. This event was immortalized as the last stagecoach robbery in San Mateo County history.

Local newspapers seemed delighted both by the event and the defeat of law enforcement officials. One reporter wrote the eminently forgettable "Ballad of Thirty Cents."

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TEN YEARS ON THE RIGHT TRACK

City Manager looks back on decade of service

Influenced by his native land of Greece, City Manager Tony Constantouros strives to attain an Athenian ideal – work at your highest level so that when you leave a place, it will be better than when you arrived. Reflecting on 10 years of service to Hillsborough, it appears he is achieving his goal. Asked to name one word that best describes the past decade in Town, and Constantouros says “improvement.”

“It’s not very exciting,” he said in his quiet style. But it’s accurate.

Public Works Director Martha DeBry, who was hired by Constantouros and has been here just short of the manager’s 10-year anniversary, selects the word “progress.”

“He has brought us into the 21st century,” she stated emphatically.

It is interesting to look at the evidence. For instance, 10 years ago there was no comprehensive budget document. There were no capital improvement plans. Repairs were made as needed. Computers? Not yet. It worked well enough at the time when the Town was smaller and more insulated, the infrastructure was newer, finances were simpler and there was less interference from state government.

While Constantouros stepped in only a decade ago, it seems light years in terms of change and betterment. A bit reticent to admit he has made a difference, the City



City Manager Tony Constantouros

Manager names five areas where he feels change has been most significant.

Capital improvement – In place of no roadmap at all, Constantouros instituted a 10-year plan that allows management of the Town’s infrastructure on a day-to-day as well as multi-year basis. Underground construction is difficult for residents to see, but Constantouros says approximately

\$30 million has been spent since he has been aboard.

Financial management – The former accounting ledgers composed of numbers only have been replaced with a budget document containing words to explain the numbers and projections to address the future. Documents now contain a three-year budget and 10-year projections and have won numerous awards for thoroughness and clarity. The documents are useful tools for the Town departments as well as the public.

Paramedic program – When San Mateo County moved toward establishing a seamless paramedic program to meet the increasing number of medical calls, Hillsborough did not have sufficient staffing to participate. Management asked the residents to fund the needed staffing and the response was 80 percent in favor. Hillsborough is now a vital link in the award-winning system that has provided a substantial improvement in service to the public.

Fire merger – The merger of the Hillsborough and Burlingame fire departments can be attributed not only to city managers, but city councils, unions, fire chiefs and more, according to Constantouros who participated in this first fire merger in the county in 20 years. The consolidation took three years and brings a higher quality of medical care to the scene, in addition to solving former training and turnover problems and saving each city \$1 million per year.

Administration – Constantouros looks around at other cities and sees their personnel operating as if they were in separate “silos.” By contrast, he sees Hillsborough’s staff working like a family, and he praises the good communication, high standards and good trust they have among each other. All of the Town’s department heads were brought aboard by Constantouros, and many promotions have come from within under the leadership of the city manager.

Constantouros said he bases his management style on another ancient Greek ideal consisting of friendship, coaching and achievement.

Constantouros has a good track record when it comes to city managers who usually stay with a city on an average of three to five years. However, he has years left to equal the number of years served by a typical Hillsborough manager. He is only the fifth or sixth manager in the Town’s history. Hillsborough’s first city manager was appointed in January 1928.

Constantouros strives to maintain some of the strengths of the Town that were here when he arrived. He remarks about his good fortune in working with an outstanding City Council, pointing out that the staff and council have shared values and are all moving in the same direction for the betterment of the Town.

“Hillsborough is this little portion of the world that functions like government should function,” Constantouros said.

THE NEW, IMPROVED HILLSBOROUGH

Public Works hits the streets big time

Prior to 1993, Hillsborough had no capital improvement plan. When something broke, it was repaired.

It’s obvious times have changed. The office of Public Works Director Martha DeBry is a thriving hub, and the Town is alive with trucks and crews executing a plan to rehabilitate Hillsborough’s streets and the hidden city of pipelines beneath.

Between now and December, DeBry is overseeing 14 major projects costing \$4 million. “There are multiple projects, and they are critical,” DeBry said, emphasizing the last word -- critical.

Pipe repair

Largest of the projects is the continuation of the water and sewer pipe rehabilitation program. Pipelines throughout one-half of the Town are being inspected via smoke testing or video camera for cracks, root intrusion and/or illegal connections. Then comes the repair work.

“The Town has 97 miles of water pipes and 94 miles of sewer pipes,” DeBry said. “Even if we do three to five miles in a year, we still have more to do. Not all of it needs work, but the majority does. As time progresses, more and more rehabilitation is needed.”

The old clay sewer pipes are most problematic due to root intrusion. If a pipe is salvageable, it can be lined. If not, it is replaced with a pipe that can last up to 100 years.

Street repair

DeBry is well aware of the wear and tear on Town streets and has a plan to repair several segments of roadway between now and the end of the year.

Repair work will be handled quickly and cost-effectively. In place of the traditional method of grinding the road on one day and returning the next to repave it, crews will lay down an emulsion sealer, a process that takes only one day and costs considerably less than the other method. “We’re stretching our dollars as far as we can,” DeBry said.

The emulsion penetrates the cracks and strengthens the asphalt, she explained.

The seal makes the road ride smoothly and look good.

Vista Park

The Vista Park project is ready to begin. There will be new play structures for tots and older children, an improved field with proper drainage, picnic tables, an open play space with rocks for climbing, seating areas for the fields, a walking path around the park – and the entire park will be handicap accessible.

The project is being undertaken by the Hillsborough Beautification Foundation and Town. “It looks like it will be great,” DeBry said.

El Arroyo tank replacement

Replacing two 750,000-gallon water tanks on El Arroyo, to the tune of \$2.2 million, “is huge for us,” DeBry said. The Town was hoping to be able to make improvements on the tanks instead of replacing them, but the 50-year lifespan is up and improvements are not cost-effective, DeBry explained.

The tanks store water pumped up from El Camino. From the tanks, water is distributed to homes and is regulated to provide proper volume and pressure for both home use and fire suppression.

Pump stations, manholes

In conjunction with the water and sewer pipe projects, pump stations are being repaired to provide adequate pressure at some sites, and manhole structures are being rehabilitated. “We have more than a thousand manholes, and they all have to be rebuilt periodically,” DeBry said.

Easton Creek, PG&E

Hillsborough is not the only one making improvements in Town. Burlingame is overseeing repair on a shared sewer line under Easton Creek that affects homes in that area.

And PG&E is involved in line work to increase power capacity along the Peninsula and in San Francisco.

Where and when

Check the Town’s Web site, www.hillsborough.net, for updates on construction. If you have a specific question about when crews might be on your street, email the Town via the E-notify section of the Web site.



TAPPING INTO WATER NEWS

Hillsborough’s Water Department is continually testing the water and maintaining adequate flow capacity. To review the 2004 Water Quality Report based on data collected by the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and Hillsborough’s Public Works Department, check the Town’s Web site, www.hillsborough.net. A copy of the report should have arrived in your mail during July. There are extra copies at Town Hall.

The 2005 Water Main Flushing Program, as of press time, begins in August. The program tests the flow capacity of the Town’s fire hydrants in addition to cleaning the water mains.

In August and September, the city will be conducting lead and copper testing of water. Residents from 60 homes were selected to collect samples from one of their faucets used for drinking or cooking. Public Works has prepared a sample kit and prepaid mailer for residents who would like to test their own water. It is available at Town Hall for \$15.



Top photo, Assistant Water Superintendent Dave Ballestrasse shows a group of neighborhood children one of the Town’s water system pumps. The children met with Hillsborough’s Public Works staff at the Corporation Yard and learned about the Hetch Hetchy water system that delivers water to Bay Area cities and homes.

Above, a thank-you note from the children who were led on the tour of the Town’s water system.

COUNCIL ADOPTS BALANCED BUDGET

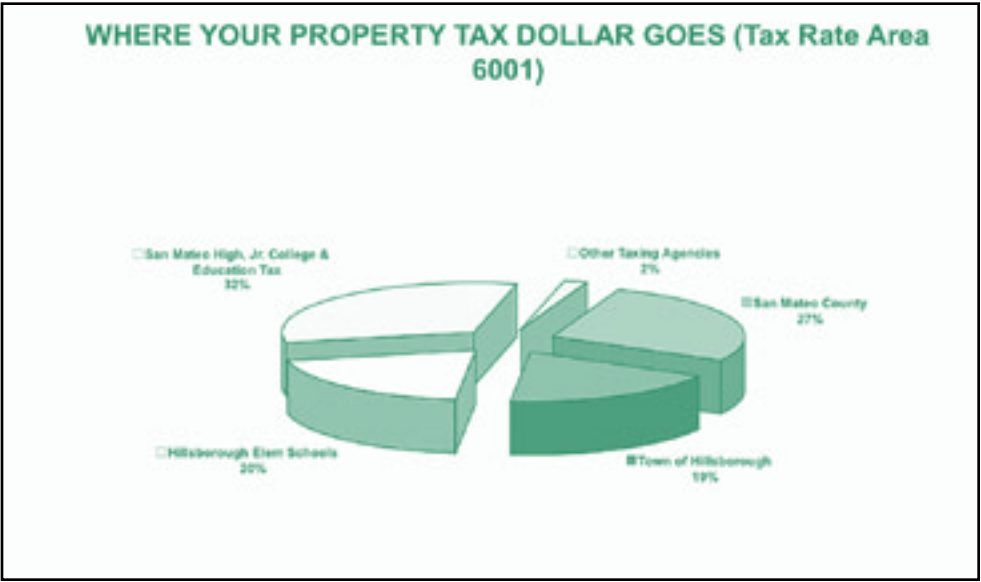
Retirement benefits, health insurance ongoing challenge

City Council adopted a balanced general fund budget this May for fiscal year 2005-2006, with revenues and expenses of \$15.9 million. Finance Director Edna Masbad, the Town’s Financial Advisory Committee, and City Council estimated conservatively and planned carefully in hopes of countering any unanticipated actions by the state.

Projected property taxes of \$8.6 million, based on 7 percent annual growth, constitute the bulk of the revenues, followed by \$2.2 million from the special public safety tax approved by voters several years ago. Remaining revenues are generated from fees and service charges, construction permits, the vehicle license fee, business license fees and other miscellaneous funds.

Approximately 73 percent of the general fund expense budget, or \$11.7 million, is tagged for public safety. The remaining 27% of expenses fall into the categories of community service (13%), streets (9%) and general government (5%). Expenses are projected to be 3% above last year’s costs.

The budget is hampered by a large



increase in retirement costs (39 percent) and health and other insurance costs (20 percent). However, those expenses are being offset with the postponement of scheduled transfers to the vehicle replacement funds and the reserve for “post employment benefits.” Masbad predicts a continuing challenge in funding post employment benefit costs in the years ahead.

To help balance this year’s budget, there have been few changes in staffing levels. The Town is hiring a contract inspector in

the Building Inspection Department and is restoring funding for one of three vacant positions in the Police Department.

The new budget reflects a 4 percent increase in sewer rates to continue rehabilitation of the sewer system. While the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is passing through a wholesale water rate reduction of 9.7 percent, the Town is placing the excess money in a rate stabilization reserve fund to help offset future costs of the Hetch Hetchy renovation, when rates are expected to increase substantially.

The Town’s Capital Improvement Plan for the water and sewer operations is looking at a budget of \$6 million for 2005-2006. The water system’s capital improvement program will soak up \$4 million, while \$1.8 million will be devoted to sewer pipe replacement and repair. The plan is funded from the 2003 bond issue.

“The financial outlook for the Town is improving although there still are many uncertainties concerning state funding and its impact on the Town’s budget,” Masbad said. “Keeping a balanced budget in the current times has been a difficult task. But it has been made possible by the Department’s efforts and, most importantly, by the City Council in identifying and confronting the problems at an early state and making difficult decisions in order to maintain the Town’s commitment to fiscal health and responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to it.”

FIRE SAFETY FOR HOT DAYS

By Central County Fire Department

Summer is waning but hot days are still here. It is fire season and dry grass can burn easily. Dry grasses and weeds near your home should be cut down to 3 inches high in order to prevent the spread of a grass fire. Trees should be “limbed up” to allow at least 6 feet clearance from the ground to the lowest branch.

The outsides of barbecue grills get really hot while cooking food, so they should be treated just like a stove. Keep children at least 3 feet away from the barbecues while they are being used and until they have cooled.

The interior of cars sitting in the sun can easily reach more than 120 degrees. Cars in the shade are not much cooler. So don’t leave children or pets alone inside a car, even for a minute.

While camping, always put your campfire downwind and away from your tent. Clear all of the grasses away from the campfire area and surround the area with rocks before you start the fire. Always make sure the fire is put out before you go to bed by pouring water on it or covering it with dirt.

Matches and lighters are used as tools and are not to be played with as toys. Teach children not to play with matches or lighters. If they see one of these on the ground, they are to leave it alone and tell an adult.

TIPS: HIRING A PLUMBER TO SERVICE YOUR SEWER LATERAL?

Preventative maintenance is the best way to avoid sewer lateral problems.

- Plumbers can assist with annual maintenance of backflow devices and ejector pumps.

- If root intrusion has been a problem at your residence in the past, you should consider regular root-clearing maintenance.

- Any licensed plumber can install a backflow device, for which the Town will reimburse up to \$1,000. **THE TOWN DOES NOT ENDORSE ANY SPECIFIC PLUMBING FIRM TO INSTALL BACKFLOW DEVICES OR TO EVALUATE OR REPAIR PRIVATE SEWER LATERALS.** The reimbursement application is a simple one-page form available at Town Hall or www.hillsborough.net.

- For any major repair, obtain written quotes from at least two plumbing contractors that are licensed with the State of California.

- Ask the plumber if they have a business license in Hillsborough.

- Ask the plumber to specify that he will be obtaining the required plumbing permit.

If a plumber suggests making a video of your lateral to assess the damage:

- The lateral should be cleaned and free of root intrusion before it is videoed.

- Insist on receiving and viewing a copy of the video before authorizing work. Typically, the video is 3-5 minutes long. The plumber should show you where trouble is located on the line.

- The tape should have a footage counter to identify the location of the damage.

- A color video tape will reveal damage more accurately.

- If you need assistance reviewing the tape, call Public Works at 375-7444.

- It is unlikely that you will need to replace an entire lateral unless it is decades old or severely damaged by roots. In many cases, spot repairs can often resolve problems.

- If your lateral pipe is in good condition but experiencing root intrusion, it can be maintained through regular cleaning or treated with a chemical foam to eliminate the roots.

- Determining the time to replace your lateral depends on the pipe material. If you have VCP (clay) or plastic PVC pipe, the lateral should last 30-40 years, provided there is not root intrusion or offset joints. Seamless HDPE pipe will last up to 100 years. The Town specifies this material for its sewer mains.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME ALERT

Hillsborough has been experiencing a rash of thefts of tools from construction sites throughout Town, mostly over the weekends.

Authorized hours for construction are between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday.

If you observe any construction activity in your neighborhood outside this time frame, or you witness any other suspicious activity at a construction site at any time, please call the Hillsborough Police Department at 375-7470 immediately. Thanks for your help.

TOWN BRIEFS

Gould gets hired

Peter Gould, a veteran officer from the Pacifica Police Department who recently completed a special assignment with the San Mateo County Computer Forensics Task Force, began employment with the Hillsborough Police Department in mid-July. Following his swearing in, he entered a 12-week field training program and, upon successful completion, will assume the duties of patrol officer. In Pacifica, Gould was an officer, field training officer and corporal.

Building Department change orders

The retirement in July of Jean Osaki, secretary in the Building Department, triggered a few changes. Sally Rumsey, who was hired in 2002, was promoted to secretary in the same department. Taking Rumsey’s place is Nancy Aknin, who started work mid-July. Aknin has extensive customer service experience. She earned her AA degree from the College of San Mateo and attended Sawyer Business College. Both Rumsey and Aknin handle the issuing of permits and assist residents, contractors, and architects at the counter in Town Hall. They also enter the data in the permitting system, file, schedule inspections and keep track of plans that are submitted.

Osaki retired after being with the Town for almost 20 years. She worked first in the Finance Department and then moved to the Planning and Building Department. She was awarded an Employee Excellence Award several years ago.

Thank you, responders

Thank you to the residents who responded to our survey regarding the newsletter. We have taken all comments into consideration. Feel free to keep us informed about things you would like to read in the newsletter.

As a reminder, the purpose of the newsletter is to foster communication between residents and their Town governors. News pertaining to the school district is distributed via the school publications.



Photo: LeAnn Thornton

CARRYING THE TORCH Hillsborough Police Officer Scott Fritz, along with many other San Mateo County law enforcement personnel, ran along El Camino Real from Menlo Park to Daly City on June 6, 2005 in support of the Special Olympics. The torch was passed at each city border, with a stop at Hillsborough Town Hall where Mayor Tom Kasten read a proclamation and announced June 6, 2005 as “Law Enforcement Torch Run Day.” Records Supervisor Susan Mitchell was energetically responsible for rallying HPD troops at all ranks to amass record-breaking donations to the program. The Special Olympics were held June 10, 11 and 12 in Stockton.

HILLSBOROUGH RESIDENTS TARGET FOR ID THEFT

Vigilance tops list of preventative measures

Pharms? In Hillsborough? Yes. Not only “pharming,” (pronounced farming) but “phishing” (pronounced fishing), too, according to Corporal Caroline Serrato who spoke to city staff recently on Internet safety.

Pharming routes Internet traffic to a deceptive site where a user may be induced to divulge confidential information. Phishing makes use of rogue email messages resembling bona fide messages to prompt a user to return private information.

Keeping up with the insidious schemes to obtain valuable information is almost full-time work. In short, Serrato suggests very closely **guarding your full name, date of birth, address, social security number, mother’s maiden name, credit card numbers and pin numbers.** Those ingredients of your identity make it easy for a thief to steal that identity, open accounts in your name and buy and borrow in big amounts.

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in America, reported Corporal Nelson Corteway who, along with Serrato, presented the two-and-a-half-hour seminar.

In Hillsborough, there are twice as many identity thefts as any other crime, not counting vandalism. The crime is rampant because it is fairly easy to commit, detection is delayed and prosecution is not often enough. It is driven by methamphetamine use as users see the crime as a quick and easy way to obtain money to support their drug habit.

Because no police department has enough manpower to track down perpetrators, prevention is the key to solving the problem.

Knowing how identities are stolen helps in preventing the crime. Thieves are active in mail theft, hacking, insider crime, dumpster diving, check theft, burglary, car theft, hard drive rebuilding, laptop theft, theft of credit card receipts, and email and Internet scams.

Be vigilant, therefore, about all listed above – mail, tossing out of financial information, locking cars, etc.



To drive home their point with humor, Corporals Nelson Corteway and Caroline Serrato display the money they were supposed to win in an Internet scam. “Winning” never occurs, they assure their audience.

Almost 80 percent of identities are stolen via mail. In the crime market, 8 inches of stolen mail trades for an 1/8-ounce of methamphetamine. Purchase a USPS-approved locked mailbox (examples on Hillsborough’s police Web site). Bills paid by check should be placed in a secure United States Postal Service blue box – don’t leave them in your own mailbox to be picked up. When you order new checks, Serrato suggests having them sent to your own bank rather than by regular mail to your home.

Shred credit card applications and other financial information. Check your credit report every six months to one year. Have your mail collected when you are on vacation. Never give out your social security number on the phone or via email. Create an identity theft response plan. Corteway has developed a brochure on identity theft that is available at the Hillsborough Police Department.

Threat of identity theft from cyberspace requires equal diligence, Serrato said.

She recommends **deleting “cookies” from your computer once a month, not opening emails and attachments from unknown senders, limiting forwarding emails, installing antivirus and antispymware**

software and updating it regularly.

Passwords should be long and complicated, she said, and protected as well as a credit card password. Beware of the latest scams, like pharming and phishing.

“There are millions of attempts every day to get your information,” Serrato said. “Protect it.”

Check: www.fightidentitytheft.com.

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Visit our website at www.hillsborough.net to print the form and instructions, or call our Water Department at (650) 375-7402.



POLICE BLOTTER

In response to requests from residents, the newsletter will now include a police report. The purpose of the report is to keep residents informed about the various types of crimes in Town so that the knowledge will help them protect themselves and their neighbors from being victims. The Hillsborough Police Department encourages residents to call 375-7470 if they see something suspicious.

During the two-month period preceding the newsletter deadline, police responded to 1187 calls. They included:

- A burglary on Shady Lane in excess of \$10,000 in miscellaneous items
- Miscellaneous items stolen from a locked vehicle on Pepper Avenue
- More than \$600 in tools stolen from a construction site on Fairway Circle
- A vehicle stolen from a home on Highgate Lane
- A check stolen and forged for \$800 from a home on Roberts Way
- Tools valued at \$2,500 stolen from a construction site on Windsor Drive
- Tools valued at \$7,600 stolen from a construction site on Pinehill Road
- An attempted residential burglary on Geneva Road
- Award trays stolen from Crocker School
- A Sony Playstation valued at \$430 stolen from an unlocked vehicle at Crocker School
- Miscellaneous items taken from an unlocked vehicle on Baileyana Road
- A wallet taken from an unlocked vehicle on West Santa Inez Avenue
- A table saw valued at \$275 taken from a construction site on Pinehill Road
- A weed whacker taken from a yard on Tournament Drive
- An unauthorized access to a credit card from Ralston Avenue
- An attempted ID theft using a credit card account from Chiltern Road
- An unauthorized access to a credit card from Glengarry Way
- A damaged mailbox on Paradise Court.

There were solo automobile accidents on Oakdale Road, Searsville Court, Sharon Avenue, Forest View Avenue, Pinehill Road, Crystal Springs Road, Geri Lane (tree fell on vehicle), El Camino and Floribunda Avenue. Hit and run accidents took place on Rowan Tree Lane at Skyline Drive, and Black Mountain Road at Wedgewood Drive. The hit and runs involved damage to property, not vehicles or people. Two-car accidents occurred at West Santa Inez Avenue and Chelmsford Road, three at Floribunda Avenue and El Camino Real (minor injury), Hillsborough Boulevard and Country Club Drive, El Camino Real and Floribunda Avenue, Chiltern Road and Ascot Road (minor injury), Jacaranda Circle (minor injury), and El Camino Real.

Also during the same quarter, police responded to three assault and battery cases, four domestic violence cases, and one child abuse case. They reported four drunk driving cases, three missing adults and one missing juvenile (all located safely).

There were 570 alarm calls, 183 of which were cancelled before police were dispatched.



Marshals marshal for barbecue

Laughter and voices rang loudly from the Burlingame Recreation Center this spring when 240 Junior Fire Marshal students from all 11 grammar schools throughout Hillsborough and Burlingame gathered for the annual barbecue hosted by the Firefighters and Fire Prevention Officers in Central County. This year, with the completion of the merger of the Hillsborough and Burlingame Fire Departments, the Fire Department wanted to reflect its new vision of teamwork in the coordination of the picnic. Thus the 50-plus years of tradition in each town took on a new face with the introduction of the First Annual Central County Fire Department Junior Fire Marshal Picnic. At the event, the students were run through a variety of drill activities and served hot dogs by the Central County Fire administration. The barbecue is a thank you for the work the Junior Fire Marshals do during the school year – helping teachers during emergency drills and delivering life safety messages throughout the year.

CALENDAR

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

2nd Monday
6 p.m. - Town Hall



CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

Study Sessions are held as needed at Town Hall.



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1st and 3rd Monday
4 p.m. - Town Hall



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