

HILLSBOROUGH

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CENTURY CELEBRATION FOR HISTORIC HOUSE

On September 17, 2006 a birthday party was held in Hillsborough. But this was no ordinary birthday. Residents, architects, contractors and crew were celebrating the 100th year of a grand home – 140 Stonehedge Road.

The two-story stucco structure was built in an auspicious year – 1906 – on solid terra firma in an area that in 1910 would incorporate as the Town of Hillsborough. At the time, the street was named Medway and the nearby Bridge Road was Edgehill. The 1.25 acres upon which the house was built extended to Hilltop Road, which is now a nameless private roadway that runs behind the home parallel to Bridge Road.

The house combines Mission Revival details with craftsman elements and is one of the few structures in the community displaying any Mission Revival style. The original owners were Theresa Davis, who is reported to have been the first city attorney for Hillsborough, and Colonel Norris K. Davis. Colonel Davis was a member of Hillsborough's first board of trustees. He fought in the Spanish-American War and World War I. He graduated from

the Harvard School of Engineering in 1898 and set up Davis Machine Works in San Francisco. The couple belonged to the Burlingame Country Club.

The Davis family occupies a goodly space in California history. Colonel Davis' father, Horace Davis, was president of the University of California at Berkeley (1887-1890), was one of the original trustees of Stanford University (1885-1916) and represented California in the U.S. Congress. Grandfather Thomas Starr King was a clergyman, lecturer and author who helped keep California loyal to the Union during the Civil War.

Records show that the Davis family lived at 140 Stonehedge until about 1934 and that sometime between 1934 and 1941, the property was either vacant or occupied by the Swedish Consulate.

Katherine Payne Hellman and her son lived in the house from 1941 to 1949. Katherine was divorced from Isiais Warren Hellman III, president of Wells Fargo Bank and an avid polo player, who lived on Forest View.

The home was occupied by Elizabeth and John Chapman and their four children

from 1951-1983.

When the home was built in 1906, it contained four bedrooms, one bath on the second floor and a maid's suite and bath. By the early 1980s, it had grown to five bedrooms, five baths, six fireplaces, and a pool, but the grounds had shrunk to less than an acre due to the sale of a portion of the property in 1940. That property is now 130 Stonehedge Road.

In 1985, A.J. and Linda Batt purchased the property and renovated the entire structure and grounds, reorienting the front of the home to what was formerly the back and adding a pool house. They moved out for a year and renovated below ground level to prop up the sagging right side of the house. Keeping much of the original paneling, hardwood doors and design, they worked their way from bottom to top. The home now has five bedroom suites, seven and a half baths, two studies, six fireplaces, a family room and wine cellar and a spectacular library that was originally an area for horse carriages and then a sunroom.

Happy Birthday, 140 Stonehedge – and many more.



Linda and A.J. Batt celebrated the 100th birthday of their home in period costume. The Batts restored the Hillsborough home with a century of interesting history.



PENNY GREENBERG – LEGALLY RETIRED

In 1982, Carr, McClellan, Ingersoll, Thompson & Horn enlisted the aid of one of the law firm's newer attorneys, Penny Greenberg, as Hillsborough's assistant city attorney. She came with good credentials. She was a 1980 graduate of Boalt Hall School of Law, U.C. Berkeley, and held a bachelor's degree in history from Stanford University where she graduated "with distinction." Penny retired on January 1, 2007, and recently looked back on a career that grew commensurately with the Town's increasing complexities.

"I loved representing the Town all those years," she said. "The council members are truly citizen statesmen (and eventually stateswomen), not seeking an entrée into a political career but just performing their civic duty. They carefully read all the material that I prepared and asked penetrating questions, which I greatly appreciated. The Town staff was also a joy to work with, knowledgeable in their areas of expertise, hard-working, and displaying great senses of humor. They take real pride in serving the Town well."

Because Hillsborough is an exclusively residential town, its major issues center on property rights. Interestingly, weather and geography play a part. During wet years, drainage, flooding and landslides create legal issues. In dry years, water conservation and fire prevention problems intensify. In every year, home construction, architectural design, landscaping, maintenance and lack thereof all provide ongoing matters for the city attorney's office. "Fortunately, these were seldom live or die issues, but they are important to the well-being of the Town and intellectually intriguing," Penny said. She said she particularly liked working with



Penny Greenberg

the constitutional issues that arose in Hillsborough – for example, the constitutional requirement of due process (basic fairness, in essence) that says there must be explicit rules and standards in the Hillsborough Municipal Code to guide local officials in applying the law.

Professional ethics dictate that most of the war stories Penny knows must remain untold. However, she did reveal a few things: "Hillsborough has its 'loyal opposition,' as we think of them," she said, "members of the public who are quick to challenge an action or decision of the Town. While sometimes frustrating, they remind us that we must be eternally vigilant in our legal analysis."

Penny learned early an important truth about the Town: Hillsborough residents are

"well-educated and very aware" and expect all the details and facts and prompt replies when inquiring about an issue. "I tried to be responsive and get back to staff the same day, and I believe I did that," she said.

Things have changed significantly over the 24 years that Penny represented the Town. "When I first began, we met in a little room that was part of the present Police Department building. The room seated about 20 people. If there were more people, they had to stand in the hall by the city clerk's counter. When Town Hall was first built, it felt like the Taj Mahal," she said.

At the same time, the amount and complexity of the legal work increased. "We went from less formal and less complicated, when we (attorneys) spent about two days per month on Hillsborough, to now spending some part of every day on the Town. There are more laws and thornier issues and the population is more diverse, so there are many points of view and perspectives," Penny said. City Manager Tony Constantinos brought a great deal of structure to the city. "That formalization is a necessity in today's world," she explained.

Penny considers rewriting the Hillsborough Municipal Code her greatest accomplishment as assistant city attorney. "Maureen Morton (the city planner) and I spearheaded the project, which involved input from many of the staff." The whole project took about four years. "The code had not been updated for many decades and was greatly out of touch with current practices," she said. A task that would give the average person a migraine after one week, let alone four years, intrigued Hillsborough's former assistant city attorney. "I love to draft codes and ordinances," Penny said.

"You have to think of every conceivable situation that will come up. It's a challenge looking into the crystal ball. In many cases, there are no clear answers and you have to present the options to the council and let them decide."

When asked what she plans to do in retirement, other than spend time with her husband and three daughters, Penny handed over a neatly typed document that listed exactly 51 items she is interested in tackling, ranging from mastering the 10 foreign languages she has intermittently studied over the years, to archeological digs, to singing, playing piano, flying, bicycling, and writing. Even though she already plays adult soccer, she wants to get in better shape and pursue more recreation and sports.

Just as Penny has rewritten the city code, it appears she has rewritten the code for retirement. The Town wishes her well.

BEWARE OF YOUR NEW BEST FRIEND

Back in a more innocent age, a family moved to a good neighborhood, met the neighbors, sent their children to local schools and felt relatively secure. Today, a child jumps on-line and a "friend" can become anyone from the next-door neighbor to a 34-year-old predator in Belarus disguising himself as an amiable 12-year-old boy with similar interests.

There are no more fences, let alone those of the white picket variety, and parents need to be very aware and communicate with their children about the dangers of cyberspace, said Hillsborough Police Officer Peter Gould, who recently attended law enforcement classes at a Cyber Safety Summit in Sacramento.

"Parents need to monitor who their kids are talking to on-line and instill in them some good common sense," Gould said. "We don't want to unnecessarily alarm kids or parents about on-line conversations, but if there are some inappropriate questions coming from a 'friend,' that should be a red flag."

Gould said the typical profile of a child likely to fall victim to on-line trouble is someone between 11 and 14 years old who is a loner and has unsupervised access to a computer. Children want to be liked, accepted and make friends, and sites like www.MySpace.com provide thousands of connections to potential "friends." Children will share information and engage in open conversation because they feel anonymous on-line. But they are not anonymous and, if their email address reflects their name (i.e. johnsmith@aol.com), they are easy to find. A predator can log on to MySpace.com pretending to be a young person, connect with a child and lead him or her down a path to trouble.

Parents, Gould said, need to talk to their children about dangers that lurk in cyberspace. They need to monitor their child's on-line activity, aware that there is a thin line between monitoring and intruding on privacy.

While the Hillsborough Police Department has no specific program for cyberspace safety, officers talk to children and school groups about dangers and precautions. And, like Gould, officers will continue to attend seminars on the latest developments as part of their in-service training. Parents or children with cyberspace concerns can always ask to speak to a police officer. Call Officer Peter Gould at the HPD, 375-7470.

BIG CAREER IN SMALL TOWN

Over the years, many young law enforcement candidates have entered the police force anticipating the thrill of big city crime. But in 1974, Chuck Langlais had his sites set on Hillsborough. He had moved to the Town with his family when he was 16. His parents still lived there. So as a young college student attending San Jose State University, he joined the Hillsborough police reserve unit and was named an officer in 1977.

Now, looking back on a career of 30-plus years, Sergeant Langlais said he feels his life in the Hillsborough Police Department (HPD) was eminently more interesting than that of a big city officer. He developed programs that reached across the globe, he was involved in cases connected with Interpol, he chased professional burglars, and as a K-9 officer, he and his companions worked in various cities on many occasions to help track down criminals.

There's another reason Chuck wanted to work in Hillsborough, and that is the Town's attitude toward its police force. "If I was going to be in a career where I put myself in harm's way, I wanted to be in a community that would appreciate what I was doing," he said. "Hillsborough residents support their Police Department."

Chuck found himself in danger a number of times, not the least of which was an incident in 2003 when the sergeant bravely maneuvered his police car to slow down or divert a speeding criminal who was about to enter the intersection of Floribunda and El Camino during a time of high vehicular and pedestrian traffic. He caught the brunt of the speedster's fear and fury. The gang member, suspected of fleeing from an assault in San Mateo moments before, was cutting through Town and had reached speeds of 70 miles per hour on Floribunda. Chuck drove his car across Floribunda at El Camino, leaving enough room for the car to go by but causing it to

slow down or turn off on another street. "The driver chose to run through my car," Chuck said, spinning it and moving it 100 feet. Chuck sustained broken ribs and a leg wound, but prevented dozens of injuries and perhaps death that may have occurred had the driver sped into the intersection. The criminal was caught and served four years in prison.

For 19 years, with four different German shepherd partners, Chuck was a K-9 officer. "I made numerous felony arrests during that time," Chuck said. "With Harko, we caught an arsonist who blew up a house and caught the guy who hired him." A contractor built a home improperly and was facing huge expenses in having to rebuild the structure. He figured he could shift the cost to the insurance company if the home burned down, so he hired an arsonist. Chuck and Harko responded to the fire, saw a man running from the scene, chased him and pinned him against a wall along Skyline. With Harko at the ready, the man, reeking of gasoline, decided not to escape.

Chuck's dog, Digger, was named "Top Dog" for the Western States K-9 Association which covers California, Nevada, Oregon and Utah.

Chuck said one of his most important accomplishments was developing a working relationship with the Taiwanese Police Department. Approximately 22 percent of the Hillsborough community is Asian, 17 percent Taiwanese. Chuck traveled to Taipei for two weeks to establish a liaison, and the on-going relationship has aided the HPD in investigating several cases, including a recent murder case and a fraud case. Most importantly, the program has helped the Department build trust with the Town's Asian community, providing a safe environment for Asian residents to call the Department when they feel a need or have fallen victim to crime.



Sergeant Chuck Langlais

The increasing diversity of the population is one of the main changes Chuck has witnessed in the Town during the past 30-plus years. He said he has also seen a large increase in residential development. When he was a new officer, the areas beyond Tournament Drive and Skyfarm were composed of rolling hills with no homes. "And I've seen the Department go from pencils to computers," he remarked, commenting on the enormous changes in technology.

At only 53 years of age, he is planning to embark on several business adventures in Asia in his retirement. "I've loved working in this community," he said, looking back. "It's been an honor to serve the Town of Hillsborough. I've developed deep bonds with past and present personnel in the HPD. From ages 21 to 53 – that's an important part of my life."

The Town thanks Sergeant Langlais for his dedication and wishes him all the best in his retirement.

TOWN BRIEFS

City Council

During the past few months, City Council:

- Adopted an ordinance requiring developers of new subdivisions to pay in-lieu fees for park development. The ordinance provides for the formula-based collection of fees for new subdivisions (not individual homes) to help mitigate the costs of providing new parks to meet the needs of new residents.
- Amended the Architecture Design Review Board code to define the term "teardown" as follows: If 50 percent or more of the exterior walls of a house are removed, the project is considered a teardown and will need to be noticed and considered as such. Garage walls are not included in the calculations, and if the garage is attached to the house, the common wall is considered an exterior wall for the purpose of calculation. The ordinance was prompted by homeowners who apply for a permit to remodel and then proceed to tear down the entire house, which has caused legal and neighborhood problems.
- Authorized the City Manager to purchase upgrades for the audio/visual equipment in Council Chambers, not to exceed \$159,000. The supplier, Cietronics, will provide new microphones and speakers, a viewing screen, a video system, and a lectern with remote control, among other items. Council Chambers is used for the Council's monthly meetings, ADRB meetings, and by staff, civic groups, and organizations to conduct meetings, training sessions, banquets and other presentations.
- Approved a contract with Du-All Safety Company to provide safety training and safety compliance for the Public Works Department. The one-year contract will cost \$29,400. While Public Works has reduced Workers' Compensation injuries from 17 in 2003 to 7 in 2005, there remains a need to enhance training to meet state mandates. In addition, in-house training places a large time burden on Public Works supervisors.
- Approved a contract with Pacific Trenchless, Inc. for the replacement of a severely damaged storm drain pipe adjacent to Darrell Road for a cost of \$27,000.
- Finalized a contract for approximately \$99,000 to repair storm drains to alleviate flooding on Windsor Court.
- Approved a bid for \$17,000 for street improvements at Summit Road and Skyline Boulevard.
- Agreed to accept \$100,000 from the state in grant money for the purchase of equipment, technology, salaries and program supplies for the Police Department.
- Approved \$31,000 for the purchase of new copiers for administration, Police and Finance departments.
- Approved a \$50,000 contract with Burlingame to use their new closed circuit television equipment to inspect and clean sewer lines.
- Discussed future adoption of an ordinance that addresses pollution and erosion control issues for properties within 100 feet of a creek that drains into an area of 10 or more acres. The law would affect about 500 properties.

People

- In the November election, residents re-elected to City Council Paul Regan and John Fannon. At the December Council meeting, Catherine Mullooly was elected mayor, replacing Tom Kasten. Christine Krolik was elected vice mayor.
- Jessica Juan from North School was the grand prize winner of this year's Central County Fire Department poster contest. She was among 200 Burlingame and Hillsborough elementary school students who created posters for the annual contest, all depicting an area of fire safety. This year's theme was "Prevent kitchen fires – Watch what you heat."



Mayor Catherine Mullooly and Vice Mayor Christine Krolik

Reminders

- Sign up to learn what affects you and your home in Hillsborough. Go to the Town Web site, www.hillsborough.org, click on E-Notify in the bottom left-hand corner of the home page and follow directions. You can request certain agendas and learn about other important Town news.
- Help keep Hillsborough beautiful. When you attend a soccer game or use a Town park, remember to clean up after yourself. Don't leave wrappers, bottles or other debris behind.
- Concours dates are coming up. The Dinner Dance is at the Ritz Carlton in Half Moon Bay on February 10, 2007. The Concours d'Elegance car show and carnival will be on Sunday, May 6, 2007 at North School. The Fun Run begins at 8 a.m. on Sunday, June 3, 2007 at North School. For more information, go to www.hsf.org.
- The 10th Annual Town of Hillsborough Holiday Giving Tree was a great success. Ornaments offering requested/needed items and a "Gift of Shelter for a Homeless Child" were displayed on the tree in Town Hall. In excess of \$750 was donated which equates to more than 42 nights of shelter and more than \$190 in gift cards, in addition to clothing, household items, and toys. Many thanks to the employees, friends, and residents who generously supported this worthwhile program.

HAIL TO CHIEF DON DORNELL

Don Dornell, a 30-year fire service veteran, has stepped in to fill the boots of Fire Chief Bill Reilly who retired at the end of December. Don was sworn in on December 12, 2006.

The former Central County Fire Deputy Chief was selected for his new leadership position by Hillsborough City Manager Tony Constantouros and Burlingame City Manager Jim Nantell.

"Don has been a key leader in working with retiring Chief Reilly to successfully combine the two former departments," Constantouros said. "We are confident that his appointment will result in a continuation of a very successful transition."

Don has worked for several years combining the Hillsborough and Burlingame fire departments and says he plans to continue melding the two. "There's more work to be done," he said, "but I like the direction we're headed."

High on his agenda is reassessing assignments to determine equitable workloads and recruiting his replacement as deputy chief. Don said he will also be involved in reassessing the efficiency of the ALS (ambulance) contract, a 10-year agreement due to expire in 2009. "Then we'll be constantly working at policies and adopting new codes and enforcement procedures," he said.

The work will come naturally for the

long-time veteran and highly dedicated fire professional who has been responsible for operations, budget, facilities, personnel and training. Don is a graduate of the College of San Mateo and holds a bachelor of science degree from California State University, Long Beach.



Chief Don Dornell

In addition to being a professional, Don is involved in community service. He is a member of the Burlingame Lions Club and the San Mateo/Foster City/Burlingame/Hillsborough Leadership Advisory Board. He has led his department's Holiday Toy program and has served as chair of the City of Burlingame's Adopt-a-Unit program. The volunteer program was responsible for sending items and letters to the 140 men and women of Bravo Company, 101st Airborne Division, when they were serving in Iraq last year.

The four neighboring city managers participated in the fire chief interview process and commented on the excellent credentials of Central County Fire's new fire chief, Don Dornell.

CONSTRUCTION TIME LIMITS SET

Home improvement projects – by the very nature of the adjective "improvement" – are generally positive happenings. However, when the disruptive process of "improving" is drawn out interminably, that's another story.

When Hillsborough's Building Department experienced the fallout from a construction project that lasted four years and another that lasted six years, they decided it was time to lay down some rules. The result, with the blessing of City Council, is a construction timeline ordinance, tailored to the size and cost of the project.

"To protect the neighbors, we had to decide what to do with projects that were lasting too long or were poorly managed," said Chief Building Official John Mullins. "In developing the ordinance, we pretended we were residents living across the street and asked ourselves how we would like the situation to be handled."

The most significant part of the ordinance sets time limits for any project based on job value, with monetary penalties for non-compliance. The ordinance allows for construction to last from nine months to 36 months (three years) for projects ranging in value from \$50,000 to \$6 million. Penalties for non-compliance range from \$200 per day to \$1,000 per day.

In addition, the ordinance requires a deposit, refunded (with interest) only if the project is completed on time. The deposit amounts to two percent of the estimated value of the work, and in no case shall be less than \$500.

For instance, if your project is estimated at \$400,000, you will be required to make a deposit of \$8,000. You will be allotted 15 months from the day the building permit is issued to complete the work. You will be given a 60-day grace period. After that, you will be charged \$400 per day against your

deposit until the work is done. If the deposit is depleted, there are provisions for collection and liens. For extenuating circumstances, the ordinance provides both provisions and an appeal panel.

Finally, the section of the ordinance addresses complexities of projects exceeding \$750,000 by requiring pre-construction consultation and a qualified on-site job superintendent. Prior to construction, a property owner and contractor are required to meet with Building and Engineering department staff members to discuss management issues such as equipment parking, erosion control, recycling, work hours, site maintenance and response to neighbor's concerns.

The on-site superintendent – someone with substantial construction experience – is required to be the contact person for Town staff and neighbors.

"To date, the ordinance has been working well," Mullins said, "We have imposed only one penalty."

VISTA PARK LOST AND FOUND POLICY

- Lost property found at Vista Park must be claimed within seven calendar days at Town Hall, 1600 Floribunda Avenue. Please allow up to 48 hours for transfer of items.
- The Town is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- High value items such as credit cards, jewelry, wallets, and watches will be turned into the Hillsborough Police Department and released subject to their claims procedure.
- Unclaimed items will be donated to a non-profit organization.

CAREFUL WHO YOU LOCK OUT

Residents who have secure iron gates to lock out thieves and predators should be reminded that they are also locking out police and fire personnel who may need to gain entry for life safety purposes.

There are a couple of solutions to this dilemma, according to Hillsborough Police Sergeant Pat Barrett. A resident can install a Knox-Box, a key box that provides non-destructive emergency access, or one can have a key on file with the Police Department.

When police or fire receive a distress call, arrive at a property and cannot gain entry, they try to locate the owner. Precious time can be lost. If they detect danger and cannot get in, the exigent circumstance law allows them to break down a gate or door. Property can be damaged, perhaps amounting to thousands of dollars.

There is no law requiring a key box or other method of providing entry, but residents may want to consider the alternatives.

SIGNS OF EXCELLENCE

Looking for an address in Hillsborough? The person most responsible for assisting your search is Gary Adams. "I make street signs – that's one of my projects," said the Public Works employee and the most recent recipient of Hillsborough's Employee Excellence Award.

Most of the street signs have been fabricated during Adams' seven-year tenure with the Town. Now he primarily maintains the signs and battles the never-ending graffiti. On other days, especially bad days when rain and wind have pelted the Town, he's out with the other street maintenance crews clearing storm drains and removing tree branches. In total, it's a job vital to the Town's well-being and Adams reports enjoying his work immensely.

The satisfaction he derives from his job radiates through his pleasant personality which led Finance Administrator Marie Bernardo to nominate him for the award. Occasionally, office workers will call upon Public Works employees to help with heavy work. "When I need him, he is right there," Bernardo said, "no reservations. He's so real

and offers heartfelt assistance. His personality glows."

Adams agrees he's willing to do extra work but was still "very surprised" to be nominated for the award.

Of course, extra work at Town Hall carries a bonus for Adams—seeing his wife Maureen Morton who is the Town's planning director. The couple met 11 years ago when Adams was with the Redwood City Parks and Recreation Department.

Adams grew up in the suburbs of Washington, D.C. and moved to California when he was 21. While his wife plans to retire soon, he said he will keep working because he enjoys it. When he does retire, he plans to work around the house, and engage in his favorite activity – being with family and friends.



Gary Adams

2007 CITIZEN OF YEAR

Sibylle Whittam is this year's recipient of The Citizen of the Year award, bestowed by the Associated Parents Group of Hillsborough (APG).

Sibylle moved to Hillsborough in 1987 and immediately became involved in school volunteer work. She has also been involved in the Hillsborough Schools Foundation, serving as vice president and spearheading an initiative to reduce class size. She introduced Fund-A-Need at the 1997 Concours Dinner Dance, co-chaired the Concours tennis event and founded the Hillsborough Family Fun Run.



Sibylle Whittam

In the community, Sibylle has been involved in the Hillsborough Little League Auxiliary, Sacred Heart Preparatory School, Crystal Springs Uplands School, the Peninsula Humane Society, Mills-Peninsula Medical Center and the Bridge School Gala.

COMMUNITY CARE AWARD

Janet Chun, principal of Crocker School, is this year's recipient of the Community Care Award, given by the

APG to someone who is typically in a salaried position with the Hillsborough School District or Town and who has touched the lives of children.

Janet's leadership at Crocker has resulted in the school receiving many prestigious awards—2005 National Blue Ribbon Award and the 2003 California Distinguished School Award. Janet has also been instrumental in obtaining grants and mini-grants for innovative classroom programs. She is greatly admired and respected. Her supporters say, "Janet embodies CARE."

Janet was born and educated in Otsu, Japan. She graduated valedictorian from Notre Dame de Namur University with a major in English. She holds a master of arts in teaching humanities from Notre Dame and administrative credentials from California State University, Hayward. Janet began her career as an instructor at Long Beach State University. She taught in several places prior to coming to Crocker in 1995. She was named assistant principal in 1997 and principal in 2001.

Janet is married to Lester Chun, a previous Community Care recipient.



Janet Chun

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WATER/SEWER RATES INCREASE

This spring, Hillsborough residents will most likely be looking at a raise in water and sewer rates. In addition, rates are scheduled to increase for at least the next four years.

The increase is predicated on the February 12, 2007 Public Hearing. As of press time, City Council is expected to approve the increase unless more than 50 percent of the property owners file a written protest.

The rate increase is based on a comprehensive study requested by Finance Director Edna Masbad, the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) and City Council. The study was conducted last spring and showed that the rate being charged to cover the fixed costs of providing water to Town residents is inadequate (only 4 percent of the total revenues) and is considerably lower than in similar cities (15 to 30 percent of total revenues).

In addition to the study of fixed costs, the study also analyzed current rates based on water use and determined that a more

equitable structure should be developed.

Sewer rates need to be increased to keep up with inflation. Based on the study, the FAC told City Council that rate adjustments are necessary to support the long-term financial health of the enterprise operations. City Council agreed.

Providing the City Council adopts the recommendation in February, the typical residential customer will see a fixed meter charge increase of \$8 per bi-monthly billing period for 2007 and a \$10 increase per billing period for the following three years.

Water rates based on usage (instead of fixed costs) are scheduled to change also, but the entire tiered system will be restructured. Therefore, some rates will go up, some down, depending on the tier. However, overall rates are scheduled to climb approximately 2.5 to 7.5 percent each year.

The typical sewer customer will see a \$44 increase (from \$1473 to \$1517) this year, \$56 the following year and \$47 in 2009.

POLICE BLOTTER

Investigations

Hillsborough's Police Investigators, Rob Chinca and Dave Agee, were asked recently to participate in a county prostitution task force. Officials believe that several prostitution rings have moved their operations to San Mateo County due to aggressive enforcement in San Francisco and Santa Clara counties. These prostitution rings lure young women from overseas on the promise of legitimate work and the issuance of legal work visas. Once here, they are told the work no longer exists and they will have to work as prostitutes, which the women do under threat of physical harm or extortion. Although Hillsborough is not believed to have much prostitution activity, it is suspected that the financiers of the operations may reside in Town. The task force believes that building cases against the pimps and financiers may be the most effective means of dealing with the problem.

In addition to the task force work, the Hillsborough Police Department investigators have spent time during the last quarter trying to solve a number of cases, both current and still on the books. They were called to an in-progress auto burglary a few months ago where they apprehended two suspects. They were called to a report of a prowler on Darrell Road which led to the arrest of the subject. Investigators are following up on a tip regarding a 1980s burglary during which 20 to 30 Tiffany vases were stolen. The tipster appears to be motivated by reward money and unrequited love.

Unauthorized use of credit cards, cashing of stolen checks and automobile thefts also occupied time of the investigators. In November, there were at least five reports of thefts from vehicles.

Stats: During a recent quarter, Hillsborough Police responded to 1,739 calls. They made two felony arrests and 14 misdemeanor arrests. There were 595 alarm activations, 300 of which were cancelled before police were dispatched. They also issued citations for 80 moving violations, 57 parking violations and 96 overnight parking violations.

The log:

Taken from the logs during the past few months are the following:

- Dozens of barking dog complaints.
- Numerous calls regarding construction work during unauthorized hours.
- Person on Buckingham reports large brightly colored laundry bags being placed on the porches of homes along street. Drycleaner advised of city ordinance.
- Subject pinned under vehicle on San Raymundo. Found conscious and breathing.

"In a nutshell, costs are up," Masbad said. "This includes rehabilitation of the systems, debt service, wholesale water costs and waste water treatment facility repairs. We need to bring in revenue to cover those costs."

The approval process for rate increases differs this year from other years. As a result of a court decision, water and sewer fee increases fall under Proposition 218, which requires that fee changes be subject to noticing and protest procedures. The law gives citizens the power to block the increase if more than 50 percent of the customers protest the increase. Masbad and City Council hope

that will not occur.

"If the proposed rates are not adopted at this time, the Town's water and sewer service could be significantly compromised and/or substantial greater rate increases would be needed in subsequent years," Masbad said.

She added that the rate increase covers four years, for two reasons. The cost of notifying residents is high and so the Town is incorporating four years into one notification and protest process. Secondly, it is difficult to predict costs beyond four years when the \$4.3 billion Hetch Hetchy water supply system repair is scheduled to begin.

- Police standby for employee going to residence on Whitwell to ask for owed wages, which employer refuses to pay, following accusation of sexual harassment by employer of three years.
- Ipod taken from unlocked vehicle on Lupine.
- Children left home alone, reported by wife in divorce case. Parent advised not to leave children alone in a home.
- Concern by relative of elderly homeowner on Farmhill that visiting priest seems overly interested in finances of resident. Advice given on financial abuse.
- Sight of white male adult, wearing red boxers with white spots, white t-shirt and black socks, at Vista Park.
- Resident of Moseley reports bird in area making too much noise. Proved wild birds in tree, not domestic bird.
- Woman arrives at school in limo with chauffeur, saying she has mafia connections and wants to see her grandson. Grandson hesitant upon seeing woman. School contacts mother who said grandmother should have no contact with son.
- Resident on Knightwood calls in morning to report that when came home last night, saw tall male standing by driveway. Thought was husband, but husband was inside home. Footprints found by driveway. Police advised to call them at time of incident in future.
- Businessman calls police to report that there was protest at his office today, offices were ransacked, info about company and employees taken and several employees receiving calls at their homes. Received advice about situation and security guards.
- Resident on Hillsborough Boulevard reports that home was TP'd and egged, with eggs shattering upstairs window and causing \$100 for glass and at least \$1000 to repair paintwork. Suspects classmates of children of home.
- Unknown suspects used credit card number of resident on Skyline to make purchases. Also \$200 in cash missing, possible stolen from wallet in classroom.
- Student made copy of dollar bill and used it at Crocker School store. Juvenile counseled.
- After winning judgement in court, attorney receives verbal threats against his family and asks police to check property until he arrives home.
- Deer runs through plate glass window of home on Pullman and through another glass window when exiting. Window company contacted to board up windows. Deer ran off.
- Passerby calls to say he thinks elderly woman fell asleep or died in vehicle on Ralston in front of Crocker School. Police found car gone when they arrived.

CALENDAR

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

2nd Monday
6 p.m. - Town Hall



CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION

Study Sessions are held as needed at Town Hall.



ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN REVIEW

BOARD MEETING

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



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TOWN HALL

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Mon. – Thurs. 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Anthony Constantouros: 375-7400

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