



Eleanor Christenson de Guigné *A notable woman of special elegance*

By Michael Svanevik & Shirley Burgett

In a town like Hillsborough that is noted for its elegant grande dames, it is hard to choose the grandest. And woe be it to the person who would try. On the shortlist, if not at the top but surely close to it, would have been Eleanor Christenson de Guigné.

More than a trendsetter, she was a lady of taste and charm while being a powerful figure in local culture. Madame de Guigné dominated social and intellectual circles of the Bay Area.

In 1982, Town & Country Magazine listed her as one of the most powerful women in the world. Writers often mentioned Madame de Guigné along with fashion icons Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy and the Duchess of Windsor.

Society editors effervesced about her

stunning gowns, noting that each was perfectly molded to her patrician figure. Her wardrobe always incorporated an array of Parisian haute couture, including gowns by Christian Dior, Yves Saint Laurent, Madame Alix Grès, Coco Chanel, Hubert de Givenchy, Cristobal Balenciaga and Pierre Balmain.

Madame de Guigné made regular buying trips to the salons of Paris. Fashion arbiter Edward Lambert included her on his list of the world's 10 best-dressed women.

She is "stunning and perfect," declared the most critical and often cynical society writers. The lady's arrival at social and charity events was always much anticipated. She owned a vast collection of shoes, handcrafted especially for her to match each frock and gown. Exquisite jewelry was chosen to augment a particular costume and never failed to achieve a delightful effect.

To no other woman was Tiffany's handsome young San Francisco manager more solicitous. He did all but somersaults catering to her whims and desires. Every wish was considered a command. So close did the pair become that, upon her passing,

Madame de Guigné left him a bequest of \$200,000.

Eleanor Christenson's road to happily ever after began on the lawns of her mother's Hillsborough residence on Summit Drive in July 1935 when she was wed to Christian de Guigné III. The bridegroom was the grandson of a French count who had married the eldest daughter of millionaire Gold Rush banker John Parrott.

Claiming to shun publicity, the couple withdrew to the isolated elegance of Guigné-court, their regal hilltop Mediterranean-style villa constructed by the bridegroom's father in 1913. The grand residence was set amid 47 rustic acres south of Crystal Springs Road.

Upon Eleanor de Guigné's death in 1983, her fabulous collection of designer clothing was given to The Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco, an institution that recognized high fashion as a genuine art form. The museum director declared that her gowns and accouterments epitomized the woman of elegance during the generation from the end of World War II until the 1980s.

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At left, Madame Eleanor de Guigné photographed at the War Memorial Opera House in 1978 wearing a green taffeta gown by Yves St. Laurent. Above, Mr. and Mrs. Christian de Guigné lunching together in 1936, the year after they married.

TOUGH TIMES FOR CITY FINANCES

Hillsborough's 2008/09 budget reflects the constraints of difficult economic times, according to Finance Director Edna Masbad.

The Town Council was presented a balanced operational budget and a capital budget that includes water and sewer capital projects funded from the remaining 2006 bond proceeds. Projected citywide expenditures are \$36.3 million – a 5 percent reduction over last year's budget.

The Town's General Fund budget, with projected expenditures of \$19.7 million, is stretched by the recommendation by the Financial Advisory Committee for the Town to prefund liability for post-employment benefits (outside regular pensions and consisting of healthcare benefits). The recommendation was prompted by a new government ruling requiring cities to record the liability on their financial statements. The Town has attempted to lessen future strain by negotiating more conservative benefit packages for employees hired since 2002.

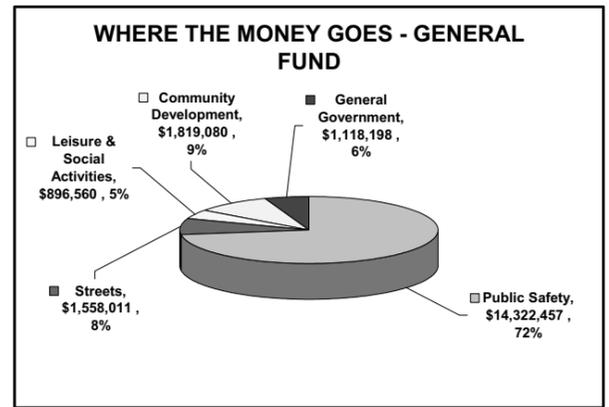
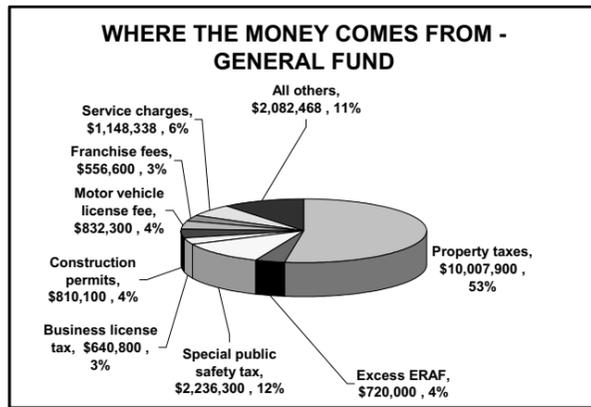
While it costs more in the short-run, prefunding saves the city money in the long term. This year's additional costs to prefund the liability will come from a special reserve account the Town established several years ago for this purpose. This special reserve is anticipated to cover the additional costs for the next three years. But the burden of contributing to prefunding will increase after those original three years, as the city's \$2 million reserve will be depleted.

Considerations and priorities in setting this, or any year's, budget are providing a safe and healthy community, improving the Town's infrastructure, enhancing efficiency in delivery of services, maintaining competitive compensation packages and long-term fiscal health.

Citywide

Approximately 65 percent of the citywide operating budget is for governmental activities, with the remaining 35 percent for public utilities. Broken down differently, 68 percent is spent on personnel services and the remaining 32 percent for materials and outside services.

Forty-one percent of the funding requirements for both operations and the capital program come from water and



The above charts show the revenues and expenditures for the Town's balanced General Fund budget of \$19 million. Maintaining a balanced budget will be more difficult in the future, as budgeting for post-employment benefits becomes more complicated.

sewer charges; 40 percent from taxes and 19 percent from various sources.

Special programs this year include \$80,000 for a Town Hall master plan, \$25,000 for a Public Works operations study and \$90,000 to continue the disaster preparedness program. The capital program for governmental activities includes \$171,500 to replace breathing apparatuses for the Fire Department, \$100,000 to replace the Fire Department's mobile radios, \$90,000 for portable generators to be utilized in emergencies and \$800,000 for street rehabilitation.

The water and sewer capital program includes a system upgrade to the Town's Supervisory Control & Data Acquisition (SCADA) program (\$800,000), the Town's share of the San Mateo Downstream Improvements (\$225,000) and Burlingame's Oak Grove Rehabilitation (\$1 million).

General Fund

The Town's \$19 million General Fund operating budget is balanced with the additional cost of prefunding the liability for the post-employment benefits (\$679,500) coming from the special reserve. These funds will be placed in a trust account to be used to pay for retirees' healthcare costs in the

future. Revenues are derived primarily (53 percent) from property taxes. Seventy-two percent of the General Fund budget is for public safety, followed by 9 percent for building and planning, 6 percent for general government and 5 percent for library and recreation services.

Enterprise Funds

Combined expenses for water and sewer operations are \$14.84 million, offset by projected enterprise revenues (water and sewer charges) of \$14.85 million.

Summary

The Financial Advisory Committee, in submitting the budget to City Council, expressed concern about the structural costs of the Town and recommended that, in all future budgets, costs (including the post-employment benefit costs) not exceed revenues and that current reserves and fund balances be maintained.

The City Council adopted the fiscal year 2008-09 budget on May 12, 2008. The complete budget is available at Town Hall for anyone wishing to review it. It is also available on the Town's website, www.hillsborough.net under city departments, financial, financial information, budget, 2008-09.

POLICE BLOTTER

During the last quarter, investigators of the Hillsborough Police Department (HPD) attempted to locate two 18-year-old males who left home with no explanation and traveled north rather than finish the school year. Parents of one juvenile were worried that their son may have been influenced by Jon Krakauer's book, "Into the Wild," about a young man who runs away to live in a bus in Alaska. Police were able to track the two boys via credit card spending. Parents were put in touch with their children who refused to come home until they had completed their travels.

Investigators also became involved with a possible IRS tax fraud case in which a victim received a tax bill for unreported wages totaling \$116,355 on their 2006 tax return. The victim's social security number had been fraudulently used to obtain employment in various places between New York and California. Suspect gave fictitious addresses and never filed a tax return on the wages.

A suspect was identified and is scheduled to be interviewed in a home burglary case involving theft of a home safe. The suspect allegedly broke into the home while the resident was away for the weekend.

HPD investigators were called when Daly City police arrested a mail theft suspect who was in possession of mail from residences on Summit and Oakdale drives. And an arrest was made of a female suspect by Redwood City police on a Hillsborough warrant for burglary and credit card fraud.

From a typical monthly log:

- Complaint from resident on Remillard about numerous cars parked on street overnight and some for as long as three weeks by neighbor who owns at least four vehicles and regularly switches cars from driveway to street. Neighbor advised of city ordinance.
- Neighbor complains that two evicted tenants from home next door on Black Mountain were now back on property. Two suspects said they are new tenants and have right to be there. Owner contacted in Europe and confirmed two men had right to be there.
- Resident discovers aviary lock damaged and was afraid someone tried to take one of her birds.
- Garbage dumped by unknown in front of home on Redington.
- Several cases of garbage or recycle bins and/or contents taken from homes on Crystal Springs, Endfield, Chiltern, Willard, Hayne, Forest View and others.
- Four to five piles of woodchips dumped to left of entrance of home on Fagan, apparently over period of time.
- Resident contacted by Toyota/Lexus fraud protection that loan had been applied for in his name.
- Complaint of large amount of water flowing down driveway from residence near Vista Park. Police make several attempts to locate the owner of the home with sprinklers on but finally had to shut off system at valve.
- Possible theft of property during a move. Missing was \$20,500 in jewelry.
- Dispatch received 911 call that proved to be two-year-old playing with phone. Second 911 call – two-year-old still playing with phone.
- Report of an elderly person in Jaguar driving through stop sign, burning rubber and speeding up West Santa Inez. Contact made with driver at her home who

said she did stop and did not burn rubber but that car has loud exhaust.

- Dispatch received call with hysterical unintelligible screaming into phone. Proved to be two friends having verbal argument over internet use.
- Man on Darrell said just broke up with girlfriend and that girlfriend does not have permission to be on property and has no key and no personal belongings at the residence and does not live there.
- Redington resident reports two large German Shepherds off-leash on front yard. Owner picked up dogs before police arrived but resident wants police to contact owner and will call Peninsula Humane Society.
- Subjects threw rocks through windows of home on Mountainwood.
- Man reports cab came to his home for pickup but he never requested cab. Had previous incident and had phone number disconnected. Disconnected number traced by police to PacBell building in San Francisco where juvenile said she did not make prank calls but maybe friends did. Asked not to repeat.
- Son calls to report verbal argument between parents, but hangs up. On call back, says does not want to make report. Proved verbal argument over possible infidelity.
- Police stop car with seven occupants. Driver has provisional restrictions on license. Alcohol and eggs found in car. Parents of all occupants contacted.
- Gardeners using leaf blowers on Saturday. Job shut down.
- Several reports of male subject seen sitting in blue pick-up truck on Darrell, in same location for long periods of time. Subject known to sit in vehicle and smoke. Subject lives on Chateau and parks in truck to smoke away from residence.
- Four-year-old swallows a dime. Fire and ambulance dispatched.
- Debris box fire on Skyfarm.
- Male seen lying down next to fire hydrant. Was waiting for a ride.
- Rattlesnake on easement near home on Black Mountain. Police contacted Peninsula Humane Society who recommended snake removal company.
- Jewelry totaling \$75,000 to \$100,000 lost when safe stolen from home on El Portal.
- Police receive three calls from San Raymundo, once for loud voices and twice for suspected fighting in street. Party in area. Problems caused by unwanted guests who left prior to police arrival. Two cars in front of home damaged.
- Report of a vehicle in a ravine over the side of the roadway at Crystal Springs and Tartan Trail. Gone when police arrived.
- Several calls about roadwork and road obstructions. Some without merit, some due to detour.
- Resident on Melrose reports receiving flowers at 10:30 at night without a note – just left in her driveway. Neighbor said she saw cars parked in front of her home that left as soon as she went into her driveway. Passing checks requested.
- Man said performed work at home on Woodridge and was not paid for the work. Was going to home to try to obtain payment and wanted assistance.
- Person on Eucalyptus saw woman reach into a van and take a purse and then leave in a smaller car. Contact made with van owner who said husband and wife were simply exchanging cars.
- Resident calls about male, in his 20s, wearing shorts and holding a camera walking in area of Jackling and Vancouver. Front of shorts were unzipped. Subject was waving at passing motorists. Gone when police arrived.



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Carrying the Torch

Hillsborough Police Officer Geoff Chenier (second from left) carried the torch for the Town in the June 4 Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run. He was flanked by the Hillsborough Police Department support team of, from left, Inspector Peter Gould, Officer David Young and CEO Linda Clark. The run stretched from Menlo Park to San Francisco. The sidewalks were lined with youths and parents cheering on the runners.



Become Emergency CERT-ified

The earthquake strikes. The power is out and you are in the dark. You can hear cries for help from your neighbor's yard. You dial 9-1-1 and discover all emergency personnel are otherwise involved in multiple tasks. What do you do? If the answer does not come immediately to mind, you would be well served by registering for a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) class offered by San Mateo County fire departments, including Central County Fire Department (CCFD).

"Residents should be prepared in case emergency services are not immediately available," said former CCFD Chief Bill Reilly, who organized the classes. Emergency services can be better utilized if residents learn to take care of not only their own homes and families, but the surrounding neighborhood, Reilly said. The classes cover all aspects of disaster response, from immediate home response to fire safety, medical care, some search and rescue, disaster psychology and management systems that will help residents

help their neighbors. In addition to invaluable knowledge, graduates will be certified as part of the community response team and supplied with some necessary equipment and tools.

"These people can respond to fire and police about what is needed and help the city triage. It would be so helpful to have that," Reilly said.

The CERT curriculum is FEMA-approved and updated from the 1990's classes.

Classes for the next session are scheduled for Wednesdays, October 15 and 29, November 5, 12 and 19, 2008, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., and on Saturday, November 22, 2008, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday classes take place at Hillsborough Town Hall. The Saturday class takes place at Fire Station 34, 1399 California Drive. Registration is through the Burlingame Recreation Department, 650-558-7300 or online at www.burlingame.org. Cost of the session, free; training, priceless.

BE ON LOOKOUT FOR TOWN'S H.E.R.O.

In response to a rise in the number of elderly related crimes and incidents, the Hillsborough Police Department (HPD) is launching a new program called H.E.R.O., standing for Hillsborough Elderly Resident Outreach. The kick-off event will be a community meeting held at a yet-to-be-announced date in October.

A story on page 2 of the 2nd Quarter issue of the Hillsborough newsletter details the problems that police and families have encountered regarding the elderly. The purpose of the program is to give elderly residents and concerned family members a single point of contact at the HPD to discuss challenges that they may be facing that could potentially require law enforcement, social services, or other involvement.

"We are putting together some meaningful ideas and methods of information delivery to both the residents themselves as well as the family who is supporting the resident," said Sergeant Nelson Corteway, program coordinator.

The community meeting in particular will address issues such as term care facilities and home health care screening services and will offer short presentations from the DMV regarding license revocation, from the county's Aging and Adult Services Department and from the elder fraud specialist at the county district attorney's office. The HPD will also share information on some of the specific elder abuse cases they have investigated.

"We are also hoping that this program will lead to information sharing so that the proper agencies will become aware of potential problems and can intervene prior to anyone becoming a victim of fraud, abuse or neglect," Corteway added.

The date, time and place of the meeting will be announced soon. Watch for the information on the Town's website (www.hillsborough.net), via E-Notify on the website, or via the mail. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact Sergeant Corteway at 650-375-7552 or email ncorteway@hillsborough.net.

I NEVER HEARD ABOUT THAT!

The Citizens Advisory Communications Committee works hard to distribute important Town information. Yet all too often residents state, "I never knew that," or "I never heard about that." Residents NEED to sign up for two systems in order to remain informed. Take note!

SMCAAlert – SMCAAlert is an internet-based, wireless text notification service that will contact you, via cell phone, pager or email, to warn you of any emergency that affects the health, safety or well-being of you or other family members. Only important messages, tailored to you and your area, be it your home, work, and/or other, will be sent. For instance, the system can alert you to crime in your area, an impending storm, or road blocks and traffic closures in your designated area(s) of interest. It will not forward any unimportant information – it is designed only to keep you informed. Depending on your preferences, average notification is three to five brief messages per month. This San Mateo County Community Alert program is funded by Homeland Security. To date, 892 residents of Hillsborough have registered. Register today by going to www.SMCAAlert.info.

E-Notify – Be informed. Find out what City Council and the Architecture Design Review Board (ADRB) are talking

about. Sign up with E-Notify on the Town's website, www.hillsborough.net. You can request that City Council agendas be sent to you, or ADRB agendas, or the minutes of meetings that cover the outcomes of discussions and public hearings. You can request exactly what you want and eliminate what you don't want.

Sign up today! Resident feedback on these programs has been highly positive.

Vote – Tuesday, November 4, 2008

Amidst the excitement of the national election, don't forget that there just may be a local election, too. Three seats on the Hillsborough City Council are up for reelection. Filing dates for new candidates were from July 14, 2008 to August 8, 2008, so by press time, the candidates will have been determined. If only three people filed, there will be no local election. If more than three people filed, Hillsborough residents will be voting for leaders of their Town as well as their country. In either case, vote.

GREEN CORNER

HILLSBOROUGH HOLDS 'GREENING YOUR HOME' EVENT

Hillsborough's new Sustainable Task Force, formed to reduce the community's carbon footprint, recently hosted a "Greening Your Home" event at Town Hall. The event was held in response to residents' interest in increasing home energy efficiency, installing solar and incorporating green ideas into their new home or remodel project. Akeena Solar, Sustainable Spaces, PG&E and green builders OliveWood Builders and EarthBound Homes provided brief presentations and interactive exhibits for residents to ask questions. A free electronic recycling event was also held and more than 200 residents recycled their electronics, such as laptops, televisions, cell phones and other electronics, without charge. Approximately 95 people attended, and the feedback was positive.



The Open House is the first in a series designed to provide expert resources for residents who want to incorporate green building ideas into their home. Another event will be held in the Fall of 2008. For more information see www.hillsborough.net/sustainable.

AVOID DREAD – SHRED

If you wake up one morning and discover that your paper recycling bin has been ransacked, you may be a victim of a fairly recent phenomenon in Hillsborough – the theft of tossed paperwork for illicit purposes. Therefore, it has become increasingly important to shred any papers containing personal information, according to the Hillsborough Police Department.

"It makes sense. If I were a bad guy, I'd do it," said Sgt. Nelson Corteway who explained that personal information on tossed bills, financial statements and even letters can easily be used for identity theft. "Information on bank statements, bills, credit card applications, even something as innocent as a high school reunion notice can provide a thief with names, addresses, phone numbers, account numbers, the name of your high school and graduation date," Corteway said. Thieves use the information to build a profile which, when complete enough, can be used to steal an identity. Corteway said he arrested a man who would steal mail, keep a notebook with a full page for each address in an area and add information as he gathered it to each page to develop a complete picture of a person.

"Buy a shredder," Corteway insisted, "but only the confetti type, because strips can be put back together. You can still recycle – put the confetti in a bag, tie it up so it doesn't blow away, and label it 'paper'. Consider logging on to optoutprescreen.com, a website that allows you to opt out of about 80 percent of the credit card and insurance company applications that arrive in the mail. Optoutprescreen.com is the official site run by the credit consumer reporting industry. You can register online for a five-year opt-out, or you can download a form that allows you to opt out permanently." Corteway also reminds residents not to put outgoing mail in their mailboxes, but instead take it to an official postal service mailbox.

Taking cans and bottles from recycling bins has been going on for many years and has increased over time as the prices of glass and aluminum have increased. But taking paperwork is a fairly recent development, Corteway said. The purpose is illicit and the result can be very detrimental. Be careful what you toss.

Residents with "any questions at all" can contact Corteway at 650-375-7552 or ncorteway@hillsborough.net.



GREETINGS FROM THE ADOPTED 101st

Soldiers from Hillsborough's adopted 101st Airborne Division, H&H Company, 1st Brigade Combat Team (Air Assault), also known as "The Warriors," stand in front of the banner that was signed by hundreds of hometown supporters. The postage money, cards and letters, notes from Hillsborough students and many items sent to the troops in Iraq have made a difference in their lives in this foreign land where they have been sent to sacrifice for us.

BURLINGAME FIREWORKS LEAD TO ENHANCED COMMUNICATION

On June 6 at approximately 10:10 p.m., all four 911 lines and six business lines in the Hillsborough Police Department (HPD) dispatch center lit up simultaneously with calls from understandably concerned and frightened residents who were hearing multiple loud explosions emanating from the area of San Francisco Airport. Patrol officers quickly determined that the explosions were the finale of a fireworks display for Burlingame's 100-year anniversary celebration being held at the Hyatt hotel. However, getting the word out to residents at this stage of the situation was near impossible. For the next 90 minutes, more than 300 calls were received. An unknown number of callers were unable to get through to speak to anyone due to the extra burden

on the telephone wires.

On June 10, Burlingame City Manager Jim Nantell issued an email apology for the lack of notification and explained that his city personnel did not realize the sound would travel so far and startle people in nearby cities to the point of calling their emergency service departments. In addition to Hillsborough residents, citizens in Millbrae, San Mateo, Foster City and even Burlingame called their local police departments to report the explosions.

Alerting large numbers of residents quickly to public safety emergencies or other necessary information is one of the many challenges all police departments face. The HPD has selected an information delivery system that combines a database with Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping technologies that officers feel will achieve the goal of fast, efficient and inexpensive notification for the entire Town. As of press time, RapidNotify is scheduled to go live sometime in August 2008. It will give the HPD the ability to disperse information, via the regular telephone system, to a single resident or many residents.

PARDON THE MESS

The Town would like to thank the residents of Hillsborough for their patience with the inconvenience generated recently by three large projects.

This summer, Vista Park playing field was fenced off to allow Town crews to aerate, fill and level divots and holes, re-seed and fertilize. The six-week period was the only window of opportunity to repair the field when it was not scheduled for organized sports and when the weather was conducive to fast growth. Heavy usage of the playing field contributed to the need for closure and maintenance.

Other than the field, Vista Park remained open and accessible for public use through the completion date.

August is also the scheduled completion date for PG&E's power line project. During the summer, the power company embarked on a project to underground power lines on Ralston Avenue and Eucalyptus Avenue, which at times required single lane closures.

Additionally, the Hillsborough School District started their large Measure B school construction project that is adding new structures to each of the four campuses. While Assistant Superintendent Larry Raffo said the bulk of the disruptive work took place over the summer, the project is anticipated to last 12 to 18 months.

The Hillsborough Police Department worked – and continues to work – with the different entities to maintain smooth traffic flow and minimize obstructions for residents.

LANDSCAPERS GET LOWDOWN ON IRRIGATION CONSERVATION

In a continuing effort to foster efficient watering practices in Hillsborough, the Town hosted a free irrigation conservation workshop earlier this year for landscape design and maintenance professionals and interested residents. Chris Willig, a state master landscape water auditor, led the workshop. More than 25 professionals and residents attended.

Willig taught attendees how to save their clients money on their water bills while keeping their landscape beautiful, how to sign up to receive a free landscape water use report each billing period to monitor progress, and how to get further information

from existing and future Town programs and from various websites, such as the Irrigation Association, www.irrigation.org, or the Town's Sustainable Hillsborough website, http://www.hillsborough.net/about/sustainable_hillsborough.asp. Willig also answered questions about irrigation system technology, best management practices and client relations concerning water use. The workshop included a luncheon for those in attendance.

For information about the Town's comprehensive irrigation conservation program, contact Ed Cooney, Hillsborough Public Works Department, 650-579-3355.

TOWN BRIEFS

During the past quarter, City Council:

- Set the public safety tax for 2008-09 at the maximum level allowed by the voters— \$570 for each residence and \$218 for each unimproved parcel. The tax generates annual revenues of \$2.2 million.
- Authorized the city manager to execute a contract to produce required documents needed to combine four existing lots into two parcels on Ralston Avenue where a property owner plans to tear down three homes and build a 13,403-square-foot home, a 4,422-square-foot guest house, a detached garage, a 998-square-foot tennis court pavilion and several ancillary buildings on 12 acres.
- Adopted a resolution appropriating \$35,595 for the emergency repair of the drainage system on Arden Road. The situation occurred as another repair was underway and an inlet structure collapsed into a trench and had to be replaced immediately.
- Approved a 3 percent increase in sewer service charges for 2008-09, beginning July 1, 2008. The rate will go from \$1,517 to \$1,563.
- Endorsed Measure O on the June 3, 2008 ballot that would have raised the sales tax by 1/8th of a cent to support the parks and recreation activities of San Mateo County. The measure failed to get a two-thirds majority vote.
- Authorized the replacement of two Kawasaki police motorcycles with two 2009 Harley Davidson Road King motorcycles, fully outfitted, for \$34,545.
- Authorized the initial proceedings for the annexation of portions of Skyline, Hayne and Black Mountain roads from San Mateo County. The annexation will give the Town jurisdiction over the intersections of Skyline Boulevard and Hayne Road. The Town and the Hillsborough Beautification Foundation have developed landscape plans and potential improvements for the intersection to improve aesthetics and traffic flow.
- Awarded contracts to California Trenchless, Inc. and Insituform Technologies, Inc. for the sanitary sewer rehabilitation project phase IV, for \$281,856 and \$658,688 respectively. The first company will install approximately 485 linear feet of new 10-inch sanitary sewer pipe along Hayne Road and three new manholes, plus modification of a fourth. The second company will rehabilitate approximately 7,380 linear feet of damaged sewer pipes found by the Town's maintenance staff during the last cleaning and inspection.
- Authorized spending \$14,890 plus a 10 percent contingency to replace worn chairs in Council Chambers.

Recognitions

- Captain Jack Lindecker received the Peninsula Council of Lions Service Award this year for his work in organizing the Central County Fire Department's Special Operations Urban Search and Rescue unit. With 30 years of fire service experience in the community, Captain Lindecker continues to share his passion for the fire service with the Department's youngest personnel. The nomination, appropriately, came from fellow firefighters. Congratulations to Captain Lindecker on his recognition.
- Finance Director Edna Masbad and her staff received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Government Finance Officers Association – for the sixth time!
- Police Officer Steven Tharp was recognized for Outstanding Fingerprint Evidence Collection Work by the San Mateo County Crime Lab. In 2006, Tharp was the evidence technician for a vehicle burglary, where he lifted and carefully catalogued fingerprints. As a result of his detailed work, the prints were recently matched to those of a man arrested in San Ramon. He was applauded for his "professional forensic skills."
- Hillsborough students recently made a large donation of money and supplies to the Town's Adopt-a-Troop unit. The student council of Crocker Middle School raised money and presented a check to the Town for \$6,500. Young resident John Wick raised \$1,800 and collected needed items for the soldiers from friends, family and members of his church as his Eagle Scout project. "Thanks to everyone for their outstanding support of our 101st Airborne troopers. It really means the world to them," said Captain Nick Gottuso.
- City Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Bruce Herman for his work on the Architecture Design Review Board.
- The Town of Hillsborough would like to thank the Hillsborough Beautification Foundation for their generous donation of a 24-inch boxed redwood tree, which will be planted at the newly renovated El Arroyo Tank Site.

Events

- The Hillsborough Schools Foundation's 2008 tennis, luncheon and boutique will be held on October 10, 2008. Visit hsf.org for more information.

PUBLIC MEETING – AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Do you want to have input on the Town's plans for affordable housing? There will be a community-wide meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2008 at 6 p.m. at Town Hall to discuss the city's Draft 2009 Housing Element. Call Town Hall, 650-375-7411, to confirm the meeting date.

The Steering Committee has been working during the past several months to develop ways for the Town to meet the state-mandated goal of 84 affordable housing units while preserving the character of the community. The committee was charged with evaluating options that range from creating more second unit homes in Hillsborough and permitting housing on school or country club property to working with the countywide subregion created to help Peninsula cities meet housing needs.

The Draft Housing Element will be available on the Town's website, www.hillsborough.net, two weeks before the meeting, and hard copies will be available at the Planning Department at Town Hall.

FIRE BLOTTER

During a recent month, Central County Fire Department responded to 370 calls for service. Of these, 215 were EMS/rescue calls (58 percent of all calls). Of the remaining 155 calls, 13 were fire calls; 46 were calls for hazardous conditions, such as wires or trees down or unidentified spills; 39 were calls for service, such as a faulty smoke detector, an unknown odor, or a leaking roof; 22 were "good intent" calls for things such as a report of smoke that turned out to be steam or a barbecue; and there were 35 false alarms.

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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Business: 558-7600

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