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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 Johnson 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.

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 not, 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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On March 28, 2009, a monument was erected to commemorate the last stagecoach robbery in San Mateo County. Historian and Hillsborough resident Paul Saffo was in charge of the project and received a Certificate of Recognition from City Council in April. Saffo, friends and local officials and dignitaries gathered for a colorful installation ceremony on March 28 at Crystal Springs Road near Woodridge Road in Hillsborough.



GREENING-YOUR-HOME WORKSHOP

Hear the latest on Home Energy Efficiency including New Tax Breaks!

A “Greening-Your-Home” event will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at Town Hall. The program consists of three parts – an e-waste drop-off, a community shred and an informational session.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., residents may drop off their old, unwanted e-waste items – things like computers, TVs, fax machines, typewriters and household fluorescent tubes and bulbs – in the parking lot. Not accepted are things like stoves, microwaves, batteries and garbage.

From noon to 2 p.m., experts will be making presentations in Council Chambers on how to turn your life green. There will be speakers, panel discussions and Q&A sessions on topics such as the new Green Building Ordinance, how to achieve green points, available rebates, solar hot water heating and pool systems, and home energy efficiency audits.

From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Town residents are welcome to bring paper documents to the parking lot to be shred. The “Community Shred” is sponsored by the South Bay Waste Management Agency, Shred-It and the Town of Hillsborough. For additional information on this portion of the program, visit www.shredit.com.

Come and bring your old e-waste and papers you want to shred; listen, pick up handouts and get a good green education. Do your part and help your environment.

EMERGENCY AT YOUR HOME? DON'T LOCK US OUT!

Central County Fire Department (CCFD) would like to remind residents with electric gate entrances to their properties the importance of providing appropriate emergency access to your home. According to the California Fire Code, a key box or gate key switch is required at the property for Fire Department access in the event of an emergency. This will provide responding fire personnel access onto your property in a quick and timely manner.

- If you install a new gate on your property which requires the use of a code or key to enter, you must install an emergency key switch on the gate for the Fire Department.
- If you have an existing keypad that provides access to open your gate, you must provide the code to the Fire Department. Please remember to update us each time you change your code.

- You may voluntarily choose to install an emergency key box at the entrance of your property. This secure box will contain any master keys that will aid emergency personnel to allow access onto your property. Residents with an acute or chronic illness may choose to allow fire personnel to gain access directly into their home, in the event a resident is unable to answer the door. CCFD is the only agency that has access to this box and your keys.

In order to install a key box or gate switch or for more information, please contact CCFD at (650) 558-7600.

RECYCLING PAYS

The more we recycle, the more it pays. “We all know that recycling is good for the environment, but I’m not sure everyone realizes how good it is for the pocketbook, too,” said Jay Benton. Councilmembers Benton and Paul Regan comprise a subcommittee of the Council involved in studying local recycling and have spent countless hours comparing collection costs to commodity prices. The economics of recycling is interesting, complicated and yet very simple. “It’s a win-win situation for all,” Benton said.

The more recycling that’s done, the more it helps the environment by keeping matter out of the landfill. “But there is a second win,” Benton said, “for the rate-payers, the residents.” Costs are extremely high to haul and bury trash, and the costs continue to escalate due to the price of transportation and the scarcity of land for dumping. Recycled items generate income, which is used to offset the cost of hauling and burying trash, which helps to control garbage collection rates.

So what is the value of recycled items? The value is determined by the amount that is recycled and the commodity price recyclables bring on the open market, Benton explained. Last year when commodity prices were high, the South Bay Waste Management Agency (SBWMA) generated more than \$15 million from recycled goods, most of which went to offset the cost of hauling trash and landfill dumping. While commodity prices have decreased significantly during the past few months, SBWMA expects to

generate more than \$10 million from the sale of recycled goods. Benton pointed out that the largest commodity to be shipped out of the ports of Oakland on an annual basis is paper that is recycled in China and returns to the United States in the form of containers and other products.

Hillsborough has developed an aggressive recycling program and is considered one of the leaders in the area, especially with its construction debris recycling program. “Approximately 80 percent of the Town’s construction debris is being diverted from landfill,” Benton reported. A recent survey shows that more than 90 percent of residents are participating in the Town’s recycling program. But there is more that can be done.

The SBWMA, in which 11 San Mateo County cities participate, recognizes that recycling programs can be improved and is moving toward single stream recycling. Today’s recycling requires residents to separate plastic and cans from paper. Cans, bottles, plastics and paper can be mixed together in single stream recycling.

“The program is used in a number of communities around the state and invariably increases the amount of recycled matter,” Benton said. “It’s an easier program for the homeowner.” The Town survey showed that more than 68 percent of residents agreed that introducing single-stream recycling would increase the use of recycling.

“The SBWMA expects to generate more than \$10 million from the sale of recycled goods this year,” Benton reiterated. “So,

clearly, if we can increase homeowner participation in the program, via single stream recycling, that would not only help the environment but increase income. Let’s say it increases recycling by 20 percent. Then that generates a few more million dollars, and that would help offset the cost incurred in the collection and disposal of non-recycled trash,” he said.

Benton, Regan and Public Works Director Martha DeBry are involved in an extensive analysis and study of the SBWMA contract, facility, facility financing and facility operator, all aimed at reducing the cost of collecting. They are closely evaluating approval of a \$64 million bond to fund the SBWMA master plan, which among other improvements, will automate equipment and allow for single stream recycling. If all goes as planned, Hillsborough will be switching to single stream recycling in 2011.

The subcommittee also discussed organics recycling. The Town currently collects green waste that includes grass and yard cuttings. Full organics recycling calls for the collection of leftover food, which requires weekly collection instead of the bi-weekly collection that takes place now. Weekly collection adds considerable cost. In the Town survey, residents made it clear that they were not interested in paying the increased cost of full organic recycling. Additionally, Benton said, the increased amount collected would not be enough to offset the higher cost.

The main thing for people to understand is that recycling really pays.

GREEN CORNER

COUNCIL REQUIRES HILLSBOROUGH TO GO GREEN

The old saying goes that newspapers are black and white and red (read) all over. The new saying is that Hillsborough’s new and remodeled homes will be tan and brown and “green” all over. Regardless of the color of the building material, green building policies are now a requirement for new home construction and will be universally applied effective July 1, 2009. The Town’s new Green Building Ordinance was unanimously approved by City Council at their April 13, 2009 meeting.

“Residential energy consumption is the second largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions,” said Hillsborough Building and Planning Director Elizabeth Cullinan. “If we can limit energy use through home construction techniques, we will be doing a lot for the environment.”

The ordinance grew out of a 2007 City Council resolution to expand the Town’s efforts to become a more sustainable community. A committee was appointed to develop a Green Building Program and identify construction and remodeling techniques that could be improved to increase building energy and water efficiency and build more sustainable homes. During the past year, the Town staff has reached out to help educate local architects, designers and contractors about Hillsborough’s green building concepts so that the new regulations could be seamlessly incorporated into projects.

First the committee adopted a points program. They chose to use a regional green building program, developed by “Build it Green” and recommended because it provides a consistent, high quality green building standard used by Bay Area cities. Second the Committee recommended that new construction and remodeling projects meet a minimum number of green points based on the type and square footage of the project. Typically, the larger the project (and the larger the ecological footprint), the more green points the project is required to score in order to meet the requirements of the new Green Building Ordinance.

The greenpoint system has a list of categories to which green building techniques can be applied. For instance, a certain amount of greenpoints are credited for energy efficiency and water conservation components, quantity and type of insulation, solar energy installation, recycled content interior and exterior finishes and high efficiency heating systems. The goal is to meet, or preferably exceed, the minimum number of green building points required. The benefits to residents

are homes that are more energy and water efficient, have lower utility bills and are healthier by virtue of improved indoor air quality and use of less toxic materials.

The committee also established regulations to assure new projects meet the Green Building Ordinance. Owners who wish to build or remodel can choose to contract with a Green Point Rater Professional architect or designer to design and incorporate sustainable techniques and cost-effective green building strategies at the earliest opportunity into a project. Green building has gone mainstream and green building materials can be incorporated into a project for no or minimal additional cost, and there’s an excellent rate of return on green investment. Recent studies from the State of California’s Integrated Waste Management Board show that green construction yields life cycle savings of 10 times the initial investment. For example, if a resident invested \$12,000 in green components, they would save \$120,000 over 20 years.

Once a resident completes his or her project, the resident or the Green Point Rater is responsible for providing compliance with the Green Building Ordinance to Town staff and for ensuring that the correct documentation is provided. Town staff will provide verification and consider approval of plans, plus conduct final inspection of the project. It is important for residents to note that there are penalties for non-compliance with the Town’s new Green Building Ordinance.

The full ordinance can be obtained at the Planning Department desk or on the Town’s website, www.hillsborough.net.

Hillsborough joins a number of Bay Area cities that are moving their voluntary green building program to a mandatory program. Hillsborough’s voluntary green building program has been in place for more than 18 months, and moving to a mandatory program can assist Hillsborough in reducing its carbon footprint.

“Since over half of our carbon emissions in Hillsborough are from residential energy consumption, we felt that a Green Building Ordinance makes good sense for our community,” said Mayor Christine Krolik, vice chair of the Sustainable Hillsborough Task Force. “Building green in Hillsborough not only reduces our greenhouse gas emissions but also reduces energy and water consumption, reduces residents’ utility costs and provides healthier indoor environments that use less toxic materials.”

TOWN BRIEFS

During the last quarter, City Council:

- Approved another one-year contract for \$29,400 to develop and implement safety programs, training and maintenance for the Public Works Department, which allows Public Works to experience a low incidence of employee injuries and accidents.
- Awarded a contract for routine maintenance of the Town’s nine stand-by generators, located at Town Hall, the Municipal Service Center, the Police Department and various water tank sites and sewer lift stations. Annual maintenance costs are about \$30,000.
- Approved the Supplemental Environmental Program (SEP) proposal, which includes providing free video inspections to residents and reimbursements of up to \$500 when sewer laterals are repaired from the house to the sewer main. The total cost of the SEP will be \$225,000 over the next three years, which must be allocated from the Sewer Fund.
- Approved postponing preparation of a Town Hall Master Plan until such time as the economy improves. Council, however, voted to provide lighting for the Walnut Street parking lot for safety purposes.
- Approved the Open Space Task Force’s recommendations for 2009 and work toward environmental review.
- Directed staff to proceed with the bidding of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) project, which, according to Public Works Director Martha DeBray, is “absolutely critical to the water system.” A rough estimate of the cost to construct the project is \$1.3 million. The adopted capital improvement program shows \$800,000 budgeted for this purpose. Approximately \$539,000 is available in the form of a low interest loan from the California Energy Commission to assist with financing of the project. An advantage of the new system is its compatibility with Burlingame’s system, which could be critical in a natural disaster.
- Endorsed the San Mateo County Energy Strategy. The main objective of the Strategy is to bring the jurisdictions of the County to work collaboratively on energy and water issues. The Strategy is one component of a countywide effort called “CO2 San Mateo County” to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to take action on climate change. The Sustainable Hillsborough Task Force recommended that the Strategy be endorsed by Council.
- Allocated funds for the repair of the shingled portion of the roof at 1640 Floribunda Avenue in an amount not to exceed \$20,000. The home is owned by the Town and is rented to a private party.
- Accepted an application to subdivide a 2.3-acre parcel of land located at 851 Sharon Avenue into two parcels; the existing house will remain on a 1.7-acre parcel and a new 0.6-acre parcel will be created for a new house. Access to the two parcels will be from Sharon Avenue.

People/Recognitions

- City Council honored Diana Witzel, most recent chair of the Citizens Communications Advisory Committee. Witzel joined the committee in June 1994. She served as chair from January 1997 through December 2008. She remains on the committee as an advisor.
- After 34 years of distinguished service to the Hillsborough City School District, Superintendent Marilyn Loushin-Miller has announced her retirement effective this June. Serving as superintendent for the past 17 years, Loushin-Miller has been a visionary leader and instrumental in making the Hillsborough City School District one of the top- ranked school districts in California.



Diana Witzel

History update

- The Town received several letters and calls regarding the Polo Club mural mystery (history article in last issue) but the mystery remains unresolved. From information gathered, it seemed likely that the murals were commissioned for a polo club that existed on the site of the current Hillsborough Racquet Club, but it does not appear that the murals were ever painted there. Perhaps the murals were commissioned for a building on the Pope estate, but that was demolished long ago. Carrie Carlton Helser, daughter of famed artist Brents Carlton who designed the murals, will be continuing her research. Any additional information will be gladly accepted at Town Hall.

Reminder

- Hillsborough’s Family Fun Day will be held Sunday, May 31, 2009.

REFUSE RATES RISE

In order to adjust to a 22 percent revenue shortfall for garbage collection, City Council recently approved two price increases.

For all residents, refuse fees have been increased by eight percent, which amounts to a \$2.24 increase per month for one 32-gallon garbage can. For the approximate 1,000 residents who have rear- or side-yard pick-up, the fee has been raised from \$5 per month to \$20 per month. The extra fee covers the additional labor expenses required to collect garbage not placed on the curb.

The refuse rate increase was subject to Proposition 218 protest procedures. Notices

were mailed to all residents to alert them to the potential increases, which could have been halted had a majority of residents protested the rate hike. Only 40 protest letters were received before the public hearing. The measure passed.

VACATION ALERT

Have you registered and/or updated your information for the Police Department? Time is coming when families take vacations. It is wise to have emergency information on file with the Police Department. Call 375-7470.

COUNCIL MOVES TO PROTECT FUNDS

Opting for safety over almost all else, City Council voted in March to withdraw the Town’s entire \$40 million portfolio from the state investment fund and deposit the amount in treasury bills and other more secured investment vehicles.

The move was prompted by members of the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) who felt uneasy about investments of the state Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) that were backed by bonds yet to be sold.

Considering the instability of California’s economy, FAC members said they felt the Town’s investment strategy would be better served by removing funds from the state agency.

The downside to the move is the potential loss to city revenue of anywhere from \$200,000 to \$800,000 annually in interest income. Given that possibility, the FAC will be charged with looking at ways to mitigate the loss.

Historically the Town and FAC have developed an investment strategy with the objectives of safety, liquidity and yield, in that order of priority. Looking at investment vehicles equal in safety and liquidity, Hillsborough selected, among others, LAIF for its good yield. But safety of LAIF has now been called into question.

“It’s a matter of trust,” said John Lockton, chair of the FAC. “We asked questions of the state and did not receive answers we were comfortable with. And we are also looking at the former failure of pools.”

“While the Town’s investment strategy calls for safety, liquidity and yield, the strategy is probably safety, safety and safety right now,” said Councilmember Tom Kasten.

WHAT’S IN YOUR CLOSET?

Do you have any Hillsborough history in your closet? In one year, the Town will be 100 years old. Plans are in progress to honor the Town’s 100th with a grand celebration. Old memorabilia would certainly enhance the festivities by providing information for a booklet or presentation.

Check out those closets, attics, basements, dusty shoeboxes. The Centennial Committee is looking for pre-1940 items:

- Documents – invitations, announcements, right-of-way grants, real estate brochures, anything tying in with Hillsborough history
- Old newspaper articles
- Photos – buildings, gardens, horse-drawn carriages
- Maps – the original Town, large estates, original ranches
- Postcards – sent to or from Hillsborough, especially with pictures of old houses
- Other interesting correspondence
- Drawings – of homes or other

Should you find something of interest, you may bring it to Assistant City Manager Kathy Leroux at Town Hall, or you may call Leroux at 375-7407 and arrange for a member of the celebration committee to meet you at your home.

FIRE BLOTTER

During the past quarter, the Central County Fire Department responded to the following calls:

- Fire Calls: 28
- EMS/Rescue: 611
- Hazardous Conditions: 82 (wires or trees down, unidentified spills)
- Service Calls: 101 (faulty smoke detector, unknown odor, etc.)
- Good Intent/No Merit: 83 (report of smoke that turned out to be steam, etc.)
- False Alarms: 94

BEWARE OF OVERLOADING YOUR OUTLETS

An overloaded outlet can be a fire waiting to happen. This spring, the Central County Fire Department (CCFD) responded to a structure fire in downtown Burlingame. Firefighters found an activated sprinkler system dousing a fire on the third floor of a three-story residential hotel above a commercial business. The sprinkler system saved the building; occupants were safely evacuated and there was minimal smoke, fire and water damage. What happened?

Firefighters found an electrical outlet in the unit severely burned, with several partially burned cords connected into it. Several multi-outlet adapters had been used throughout the unit, chained to one another and providing electricity to many appliances in the room.

CCFD would like to use this incident as an opportunity to remind residents of the potential hazards caused by overloading outlets. Here are some helpful tips:

- Plug only one high-wattage appliance into each receptacle outlet at a time.
- If outlets or switches feel warm, shut off the circuit and have them checked by an electrician.
- When possible, avoid the use of “cube taps” and other devices that allow the connection of multiple appliances into a single receptacle.
- Consider having additional circuits or outlets added by a qualified electrician so you do not have to use extension cords.



Misuse of electrical outlets can cause a fire. Above are the jumble of extension cords



that caused the fire. At right, the burn pattern on the wall shows where the fire began behind a bed.

- If a fuse blows or a circuit breaker trips often, find out why and correct the problem. Replace fuses with the correct amp rating for the circuit they protect; never replace a fuse with a higher rated fuse. If the problem continues, call an electrician.
- Use extension cords for temporary wiring only.

For more information on electrical safety in the home, visit the National Fire Protection Association at www.nfpa.org.

This new rescue rig puts the Central County Fire Department on the cutting edge of urban search and rescue operations.



CENTRAL COUNTY FIRE OUT IN FRONT, ONCE AGAIN

A brand new piece of Central County Fire Department (CCFD) equipment has rolled onto the streets. While the equipment is a truck – red, four wheels, sirens, etc. -- it actually functions as one huge tool box, according to Battalion Chief Drew Flinders. It is a tool box that puts CCFD on the cutting edge of urban search and rescue operations. “US&R233,” as the truck is called, is the only rig between San Francisco and San Jose capable of responding to a number of potentially difficult situations that could occur on the Peninsula. Funded primarily by Homeland Security grants, this added capability of the Fire Department was purchased for nominal cost to the Town.

Purchase of US&R233 began a few years back when San Mateo County received a grant from the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to acquire up-to-date rescue equipment. Five county agencies took stock of their equipment, determined what was missing from the Urban Search and Rescue list and launched a buying plan that would update and standardize their “tools.” CCFD went a step further, held training for the

new equipment, and became qualified by OES. Every step was taken and CCFD was set to meet any state need. Battalion Chief Ed Barton wrote a grant request for a new rig and the Department received \$315,000 of the \$350,000 cost. “There were lots of stipulations and auditing, and Hillsborough had to donate 10 percent (\$35,000), but it was worth it,” Flinders said.

US&R233 was built by SVI Company in Colorado. It’s 35 feet long and 10 feet tall, with a 9000-watt command light. Its main job is to conduct search and rescue in places like confined spaces, trenches, and collapsed structures and from areas high or low at angles.

While other cities are working to acquire the same capabilities, CCFD’s US&R233 is already hard at work.

EMERGENCY – WHO DO YOU CALL?

Should you have a police or fire emergency, call 911, available all day and all night.

Should you encounter an emergency such as a downed tree limb or broken water main, call Public Works, 375-7444.

Should you encounter a non-police or non-fire emergency on the weekend or after working hours, call 375-7470.

When Suzanne Boutin’s children were growing up in Hillsborough, she figured the most important job she could do would be to volunteer in the schools. She did – from 1984 forward – eventually serving as president of both the Crocker Parent Group and the Associated Parent’s Group and then as a member of the school board. When her children graduated and she retired from school work, Hillsborough’s mayor knew better than to let this valuable lady rest. She reached out to Boutin to fill a vacancy on the Town’s Citizens Communication Advisory Committee (CCAC). The volunteer is now not only the committee’s newest member, but is serving on a recently formed subcommittee to investigate how to better communicate

FINANCIAL ‘FIX-IT’ PRO JOINS FORCES WITH FAC

Dick Kuersteiner is good at rescuing companies from financial disaster. That’s his business as a legal consultant for a local mutual fund company. In the current economy, an expert like Kuersteiner is a tremendous addition to the Town’s Financial Advisory Committee (FAC). As the newest member of the FAC, Kuersteiner was instrumental in analyzing discrepancies in the state fund where Hillsborough’s money was invested and contributed to the recommendation to City Council to pull the portfolio from the fund (see related story in this issue).



Dick Kuersteiner

“Looking around the state, it’s easy to see these are difficult and challenging times,” he said. “A lot is not going well, so it’s important to be on good footing to avoid problems.” Kuersteiner said his goal on the FAC is to “maintain the Town’s sound fiscal state and to retain existing services residents are used to without raising taxes.”

In his current position as a consultant, Kuersteiner said he is involved in restructuring companies with problems. Years ago when Orange County was in trouble,

he helped it regain stability. Kuersteiner began to involve himself in community work when, several years ago, he helped organize a group to oppose PG&E’s proposal to erect large power lines along the Skyline Boulevard edge of Hillsborough. His group’s work led to PG&E agreeing to bury some of the power lines and place others across Highway 280. “The solution was workable and a victory for the Town,” he said.

Kuersteiner was a law clerk for a United States District Judge, has been a member of the Navy Judge Advocate General’s Corps, has served as Florida’s Assistant Attorney General, was a member of the Navy Office of the General Counsel, was a NASA attorney, and a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern and Southern Districts of California. He has also written and lectured on a variety of legal subjects. Kuersteiner earned his bachelor’s degree from Washington and Lee University and his law degree from the University of Florida College of Law. He and his wife, Barbara, have lived in Hillsborough since 1972 and raised their two children in Town.

“We’ve enjoyed the fine quality of life Hillsborough has to offer,” Kuersteiner said. “The Town is run in an efficient, careful and conservative way. I’ve admired that over the years and by serving on the FAC, I hope to continue that.”

NEW MEMBER ON CCAC

with Town residents via email.

“Good communication is critical,” Boutin said. “And the work of this committee helps to ensure good communication between Town Hall and the residents of Hillsborough. I enjoy writing and editing, and look forward to working on this committee.”

Boutin graduated from Stanford University and earned her law degree at Santa Clara University. She practiced law in Los Angeles for 10 years and then decided to become a stay-at-home mom. She and her husband moved to Hillsborough in 1984 and she became involved in school volunteer work when her oldest child was a student at North School.

“I became very involved in the

classroom, then on parent boards and then on the school board,” she said. Boutin was a member of the Hillsborough City School District Board of Trustees from 1997 to 2005, serving twice as president. When her children moved on to San Mateo High, she became president of the Parent Teacher Organization. Boutin still helps children by tutoring. She also serves on the boards of CALL Primrose Center in Burlingame and the San Mateo High School Foundation.



Suzanne Boutin

POLICE BLOTTER

The Hillsborough Police Department (HPD) responded to 1,925 calls for service during the past quarter. During that time period, HPD arrested 11 adults and five juveniles, responded to and investigated 17 non-injury and two injury vehicle collisions, and completed 110 police reports. A sample of some calls for service that occurred during this time period are listed below:

- A woman called requesting police to force her two kids to get along. Officers arrived and found that the “kids” were 20 and 22 years old. Advice was given.
- A woman who had locked herself out of her home called police because she did not want to wait by herself late at night for the locksmith to arrive at her house. Assistance was provided.
- An HPD officer made a traffic stop on Woodland Drive during evening hours and noted that a passenger was acting in a suspicious manner. A records check on the passenger revealed that he had a \$15,000 warrant for his arrest. The passenger was arrested and booked into jail.
- HPD officers responded to a 9-1-1 call of a family disturbance and discovered that a mother and her juvenile daughter were arguing over a school field trip. Advice was given.
- HPD officers responded to a call of a verbal argument on the street in the 300 block of Uplands. Upon arrival a small group ran from officers and jumped over neighboring fences. One person who fled the scene dropped his cell phone and was later identified by calling his “mom” in the cell phone contacts.
- During a probation search of a juvenile’s room by HPD officers, drug paraphernalia was found and it was determined that the juvenile was out past his court mandated curfew. Officers located the juvenile at a restaurant in Burlingame and immediately arrested him and booked him into Hillcrest Juvenile Detention Facility.
- A resident called 9-1-1 to report that her vehicle was being stolen. HPD of-

ficers determined that the vehicle was being repossessed by a licensed repossession company.

Tips for your protection

- Several cities on the Peninsula have seen an increase in home burglaries. This type of crime traditionally can increase during an economic downswing. To help guard against this crime, secure your jewelry either in a safe deposit box or in a properly secured safe. This is appropriate for one-of-a-kind items or those with a high sentimental value. Maintain a list of valuable items including descriptions, photos, and any serial numbers. Your jeweler can provide you with a descriptive appraisal. Also, develop a list of tradesmen who have access to your home. Change the security code on your alarm and door locks when you move into a new home.
- Several residents have supplied the HPD with fake checks they have received in the mail. These realistic-looking checks usually arrive with a semi-plausible story requesting that you cash the check and wire back most or all of the funds. Some are for “winning” a sweepstakes you never entered or for items you are trying to sell. If you are suspicious, search the company or check the name on the Internet. Most of these scams have been documented on the web. You can also call the HPD for any further assistance.
- As a reminder from the Hillsborough Police Department: with warmer weather approaching there will be an increase in outdoor parties and get-togethers. Please remember that amplified music of any type (DJ’s, live bands, or stereos in general) is not permitted outdoors. If you are planning a large party, please notify your neighbors and provide the HPD with a contact phone number for you (preferably a cell phone that you have on your person) in the event that we receive complaints. Providing us with a contact number could prevent a response from HPD to your home during the party.
- As a general safety tip, residents are reminded not to place outgoing mail in their curbside mailbox. Please use an official “blue” US Post Office mailbox for all outgoing mail. Residents are also advised to pick up UPS/Fed Ex packages from public view as soon as possible.



1600 Floribunda Ave.
Hillsborough, CA 94010



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/or 3rd Monday
4 p.m. - Town Hall



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D. Paul Regan, Administration
Jess "Jay" Benton, Fire Department
Thomas M. Kasten, Police Department
Christine Krolik, Public Works

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TOWN HALL

Administration: (650) 375-7400
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Town Hall Hours:

Mon. – Thurs. 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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City Council: 375-7400

Main and Finance Department: 375-7400

Water (service and billing):

Mon. – Thurs. 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Fri. 7:30 - 12:30 p.m. 375-7402

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PG&E (24 hrs.)

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