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HILLSBOROUGH

1ST QUARTER 2010



HILLSBOROUGH IS BORN!

In 1839 William Davis Merry Howard, son of a wealthy Boston shipping magnate, settled in the southern part of California. By the time of the Gold Rush, Howard was already established as a merchant. Like many in that fortunate position, he profited extensively from the demand for supplies needed by those seeking gold. Howard and his wife, Agnes Poett Howard, purchased “Rancho San Mateo” in 1846. This tract of more than 6,000 acres encompassed most of what today is Hillsborough, Burlingame and part of San Mateo. They built what was considered one of the first great homes on the Peninsula, El Cerrito, which became the center of Peninsula society and philanthropy.

After Agnes Howard’s death in 1893, El Cerrito Park was created. It consisted of 75 100-foot “villa lots.” In the years following the 1906 earthquake, more than 10,000 people moved to San Mateo County, nearly doubling the 1900 census, and there was much demand for such real estate. The area across from El Camino Real near the train station (later incorporated as Burlingame in 1908) and the nearby town of San Mateo were major beneficiaries of this influx. Eager to broaden their tax bases, city fathers looked to the wealthy landowners on the other side of the highway with hopes of annexation. Members of the Burlingame Country Club, established in 1893 as an incentive to lure homebuyers from San Francisco, had no desire to give up their exclusivity. Club leaders applied to the county for incorporation on February 10, 1910. Two months later, on April 25, residents of the area voted 60-1 to ratify the incorporation of the newly formed town, and the Town of Hillsborough officially came into existence on May 5, 1910.

A board of trustee system was created and the Reverend William A. Brewer was elected as board chairman. Other trustees included Henry Tiffany Scott, Charles Templeton Crocker, Colonel Norris K. Davis, George H. Howard and William H. Crocker, who also served as treasurer. Of primary concern to the new trustees was keeping the rural character of the area intact. They accomplished this by adopting regulations that banned sidewalks, streets laid out in grids and business or commercial enterprises. When the trustees discovered that state zoning law required a business district, they designated a quarry located on Crystal Springs Road as the commercial area, at least until the state law was changed.

The new Town headquarters, fittingly, was the former home of its original founding family, the Howards. At the time of the Town’s inception, “El Cerrito” was set to be replaced by a newer, grander mansion being built by Eugene de Sabla, also called “El Cerrito.” The original home was moved to Roehampton and Richmond roads and served as Hillsborough’s first town hall, fire department and school. Although the building was demolished in 1930, it may surprise residents to discover that there rests a plaque at that spot today, commemorating Hillsborough’s first official public structure.

Hillsborough will be celebrating its 100th birthday this year. See story inside, “Hillsborough Celebrates Its 100th This May.”



CELEBRATION OF A CENTURY
HILLSBOROUGH

**SAVE THE DATES
JOIN THE CELEBRATIONS!**

February 24
Volunteer Fair
Sign Up to Help!
Town Hall
8:45 a.m. – 11 a.m.

May 5
Centennial Celebration
Town Hall
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

May 14
Historic Homes Tour
Sponsored by
Community Service League

May 31
Memorial Day
Parade of the Century
10 a.m.

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CALENDAR	COMMITTEES	NUMBERS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING 2nd Monday 6 p.m. - Town Hall	FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE D. Paul Regan, Commissioner Al Royse, Chair Dave Brooks, Kathy Ceremsak, Josh Cooperman, Maryellie Johnson, Richard Kuersteiner, David Steirman	TOWN HALL Administration: (650) 375-7400 Website: www.hillsborough.net
CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION Study Sessions are held as needed at Town Hall.	CITIZENS COMMUNICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE Christine Krolik, Commissioner Marie Chuang, Chair Suzanne Boutin, Vice Chair Julie Borden, Candace Lyche, Paul Saffo Diana Witzel, Advisor	Town Hall Hours: Mon. – Thurs. 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Emergency after hours and weekends: 375-7470
ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN REVIEW BOARD MEETING 1st and/or 3rd Monday 4 p.m. - Town Hall	CENTRAL COUNTY FIRE BOARD Jess “Jay” Benton, D. Paul Regan	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 Building and Planning: 375-7411 Public Works and City Engineer: 375-7444
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HILLSBOROUGH CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE BACK ON THE ROAD AGAIN

The Town's beloved unique car event is revved up and ready to roll again. Thanks to lead driver Rob Fisher and teammate Ted Dobos, most of the important details are on the map.

The 54th Annual Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance will take place on Sunday, September 12, 2010, on the 18th hole of the Crystal Springs Golf Course. The show will continue to be sanctioned by the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA), and well-known automobile author and historian John Joss will return as emcee.

"The pedal is down and we're going full speed to create the premier automobile event in the Bay Area," an enthusiastic Fisher reported.

Fisher said he is particularly excited about the September date. The weather should be immeasurably better than in May and so the attendance should be higher. But, in addition to that, the September date affords the Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance an opportunity to attract some really great cars because of the close proximity of location and date to the prestigious Pebble Beach concours. Fisher explained that automobile owners spend many hours and resources making sure their cars are in mint condition for the Pebble Beach event which takes place in mid-August. Rules of that show preclude those cars from being shown at any other event prior to Pebble Beach. "When they are finished at Pebble, exhibitors are free to show their cars elsewhere, so we plan to make Hillsborough their next stop," Fisher said.

The move to the Crystal Springs Golf Course venue is exciting, too, Fisher continued. The setting is spectacular. Plans

are to have hospitality tents and an enticing variety of food and wines and other beverages, plus merchandise and special displays. Parking will be easy. "I've been up there several times now and this venue is just MADE for this event," Fisher said. "It will be wonderful."

It means a lot to have John Joss returning as the master of ceremonies. The elegant Brit is "the face and voice of Concours," Fisher said. John is said to be "delighted" about the changes. He is well known locally for his automobile knowledge and is looking forward to September.

The Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance came to a stall several months ago when the Hillsborough Schools Foundation announced it could no longer sponsor the event due to lack of parent volunteers. The announcement ignited a spark in local car aficionados, like Fisher and Dobos, who saw an opportunity to recreate the Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance into a first-class, blue-ribbon event.

Fisher, a long-time resident of Hillsborough whose wife and children attended Town schools, plans to show a car or two at the Concours, as he has done in the past. He also has plans to rally other local car collectors who have supported Concours for many years, to help and participate in the endeavor.

"Ted and I felt it would be tragic to have such an amazing, historical event just die after 53 years," Fisher said. "The Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance is the longest continuously-running concours in America. We plan to carry on the tradition."

SCATENA RIDIN' HIGH

Corporal Peter Scatena says he has always been a "car guy." He likes to drive cars and ride motorcycles. A number of years ago, Scatena parlayed his free-wheeling playfulness into not only a full-time law enforcement career but also an auxiliary position that benefits hundreds of new police recruits. Recently he was recognized and honored for doing what he loves – "driver's training" for police officers.

"Basically, I teach new recruits high-speed pursuit driving. I teach them how to catch the bad guys," Scatena said. "I also teach them how to write crash, or collision, reports. Added to that, I teach traffic enforcement, how to make traffic stops." Scatena's classes take place at a number of police academies but primarily at the College of San Mateo. At the August 2009 graduation, he was presented with the Law Enforcement Advisory Committee's Award for Instructional Excellence, given to only one instructor per quarter in the South Bay Regional Police Academy Consortium – an area stretching from San Mateo to Gilroy. "It was a complete surprise," Scatena said.

Scatena is one of Hillsborough's motorcycle officers and currently serves as supervisor on the graveyard shift. The Town's three newest officers were on Scatena's last shift. "That was good because I could take my training skills and apply them in the real world," he said.

He teaches at the Police Academy on his time off. "I get paid for teaching," Scatena said, "but I could get more money working overtime. I do it mostly for the fun of it." He said his reward is "out there somewhere" – for instance, when a young officer stops him in a store and thanks him for helping him pass his police driving test.

Today's economic climate has altered the classes at the Academy, Scatena pointed out. A few years ago, 75 percent of the students were sponsored by police departments



Corporal Peter Scatena was honored as this quarter's outstanding instructor of new police recruits in the South Bay Regional Police Academy Consortium.

and 25 percent paid their own tuitions. Today the numbers are flipped, he said. About 75 percent are students who are hoping to pass and find work. "It's a tough job market now."

Scatena began his police career in Pacifica in 1993. He began teaching at the Police Academy in 2000, just before coming to work in Hillsborough. He was born and raised in Hillsborough, attended West and Crocker schools, and currently lives in Hillsborough.

Scatena rarely misses a day of work. "I'm aware of tight finances, so I never call in sick," he said. He was scheduled to work on the day of the last Police Academy graduation, but Corporal Rob Chinca insisted on working for Scatena so that he could see his students graduate. That was when he was presented his award. "I had no clue," he said. "I was very humbled and honored."

The Town is fortunate to have Scatena as a member of its Police Department.

POLICE BLOTTER

In 2009, The Hillsborough Police Department (HPD) responded to 12,276 calls for service. HPD arrested 95 adults and 16 juveniles, responded to and investigated 64 non-injury and nine injury vehicle collisions, and completed 590 police reports. A sample of some calls for service that occurred during the fourth quarter of 2009 are:

- HPD received a 9-1-1 call on Christmas Eve from a resident who was reporting that a verbal argument was occurring at his residence. Upon arrival, responding officers determined that the caller had a \$683,450 felony warrant issued by a county in Nevada for fraud. The subject was arrested and transported to the San Mateo County Jail where he awaits extradition to Nevada. It was determined that no crime had occurred at his residence.
- HPD received a call of a suspicious person walking in the middle of the street on Black Mountain Road. The caller reported that the person appeared intoxicated and was claiming that someone had threatened him with a gun. Responding officers located the subject who was intoxicated and confirmed that he had been kicked out of a residence by the father of a female who he was courting. Further investigation revealed that no crime had occurred at the home, however the subject was in violation of the terms of his court-imposed probation and was arrested at the scene.
- During a night-time traffic stop of a suspicious white van in the intersection of Forest View and Sharon, the officer observed a crack pipe in plain view in the center console area of the vehicle. The driver was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and driving on a suspended license.
- HPD responded to a residence on the report of a telephone scam. The caller claimed to be the son of the homeowner and said he needed \$4,600 for bail in a Canadian jail. The caller attempted to contact the homeowner while HPD was on scene. The caller was told to cease further contact and an attempted fraud investigation was initiated.
- HPD received a call from a resident who was reporting that golf balls were landing on his house. Responding officers determined that a juvenile across a canyon was practicing his swing. The juvenile was admonished with no further action requested.
- HPD received a call from a resident who reported that a physical altercation had just occurred between him and his wife. Responding officers investigated and determined that his wife had committed an assault and she was arrested for domestic violence.
- HPD received a call from a woman in the station lobby who was upset and was asking for advice about an altercation that she had with her husband. Investigating officers determined that an assault had occurred at her residence and her husband was arrested for domestic violence.

- HPD received a report of two dogs running down the middle of a street that were in imminent peril of being struck by vehicles. Officers responded to the scene and rescued the dogs from traffic. Officers then determined where they lived and reunited them with their owners.

Unwanted Free Newspapers

HPD has received many complaints over the last few years regarding unwanted deliveries of free newspapers in residents' driveways. HPD personnel and the homeowners have tried to convince the newspaper companies to stop deliveries at the homes where they are not wanted, but these attempts have not always been successful. After consulting with the City Attorney's office, the Police Department has confirmed that it is illegal for anyone, including the police, to interfere with delivery of any newspaper due to the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment protections. This has become a frustrating issue for both the Police Department and the affected residents. We suggest the following guidelines to help residents deal with the problem:

- HPD has no legal authority to force the newspaper companies to stop delivery due to the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, so calling the police will not be helpful.
- Residents can attempt to get the newspaper companies to remove them from the delivery list by calling the circulation department of that paper directly.
- HPD suggests that residents call the Police Department to be placed on the Vacation Watch List if they are planning to be out of town, and/or have a neighbor pick up any newspapers when away from home.

Thank you for your understanding on this difficult issue. It has been frustrating for the Town as well as for our residents.

Reminders

- Vehicles are not allowed to be parked on any street in Hillsborough between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. without a permit. Permits are granted on a case-by-case basis for limited durations, usually for construction purposes or for temporary guests who might be staying over for a short time. The purposes for the ordinance against parking on the street are for traffic safety and as a crime prevention measure.
- Be aware that portable automotive GPS devices such as Garmins or TOM-TOMs are very attractive to thieves. Please be sure to remove these, and any other belongings when you park and lock your car.
- If you wish to have email alerts about public safety matters that affect the Town of Hillsborough, please log on to www.smcalert.info and create a free account. Once your account is created, select Hillsborough for your alert group. HPD also maintains a Twitter feed at www.twitter.com/hillsboroughpd.

TOWN BRIEFS

During the past quarter, City Council:

- Awarded a bid for \$81,000 for the Sanitary Sewer Relocation Project at 1475 Tartan Trail Road and allocated funds from the Sewer Fund for the project.
- Agreed to be a party to a legal appeal of a ruling by the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Water Quality Control Board that would significantly raise the cost for storm water management programs by an estimated 50 to 75 percent. This would affect the Town's design of catch basins, trash racks and other improvements and would require additional monitoring of construction sites during the wet season. The estimated cost to the Town now is \$110,000 annually.
- Authorized participation in the residential collection of household hazardous waste program offered by Curbside Inc. State law requires that universal wastes be properly disposed of outside of a landfill. Universal Wastes include items such as CFL light bulbs, batteries, electronic and household hazardous waste, pharmaceuticals, and used motor oil/antifreeze. The program, slated to begin later this year, provides all residents with a convenient and cost-effective method for disposing of all forms of universal waste for approximately \$5.40 annual fee per household.
- Awarded a new, less expensive contract for recycling coordinator services, estimated at \$57,600 annually. The contract is for the purpose of assisting applicants with the filing of recycling plans, ensuring compliance and providing technical assistance with construction and demolition activities. The Town funds the construction and demolition program through refuse rates charged to residential and commercial customers. The construction and demolition program has been the key to the Town's high diversion rates for the past 12 years.
- Awarded a contract for the landscape maintenance of Town Hall facilities, including the garden and Vista Park, for approximately \$1,710 per month.
- Approved a resolution dedicating a source of funding for the Town's clean water state revolving fund loan application. The Town is required by the Regional Water Board's Cease and Desist Order to complete a sewer system assessment report by November 15, 2011. This requires that the Town conduct a video inspection of all its mains prior to November 2011. Approximately 51 miles of mains remain to be inspected. This loan will be used to hire a contractor to inspect the difficult-to-access easement areas. The Public Works Department is completing a \$4 million Planning Finance Application for a low interest rate loan from the Water Resources Control Board in order to complete the assessment. The Town's sewer rate fees have been identified as the dedicated source of funding for the low interest rate loan.
- Heard a report that PG&E has almost completed an upgrade to its Smart-Meter program. Instead of traditional electromechanical systems, the new meters use programmable digital solid state technology, including a home area network interface, that will enable customers to automate management of home energy use and reduce their electric load at critical peak times.
- Heard that Hillsborough was recognized as a "Cool City" in the Cool Cities Campaign launched by the Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club. Cool Cities are noted for their climate protection practices. During the summer of 2009, eight jurisdictions (Hillsborough among them) increased the number of achieved milestones by five or more between August 2008 and August 2009. Brisbane and Hillsborough showed very large percentage increases in achieved milestones – 250 percent for a total of seven each.

People

- City Council recognized the Housing Element Steering Committee for helping produce the Town's Housing Element. Hillsborough was the first city in San Mateo County to have their Housing Element approved by the State. Members of the committee were: Vice Mayor Tom Kasten (chair), Councilmember John Fannon, Shawn Christianson, Larry May, Richard Reisman, Janice Woods, Jim Boyar, Steven Benzan, Jack Ken, Jennifer Werbe, Roger Mertz, Lin Ho, Lionel Foster and Val Vaden.
- City Council elected Christine Krolik for a second term as mayor and Tom Kasten for a second term as vice mayor.
- Officer Dave Agee and members of the Hillsborough Police Department's "A" shift were awarded "Meritorious Recognition" for a felony apprehension this year.
- For the seventh year, the Town of Hillsborough and Finance Director Edna Masbad received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association.
- In honor of 35 years of service to local government, the International City Management Association honored Hillsborough City Manager Anthony Constantouros.

OWL HOUSES – LOCATIONS NEEDED

Hillsborough's owl house project, as reported on in the last issue of the newsletter, is progressing well. The purpose of the owl houses is to encourage the raptors to nest in various areas of the Town in an effort to naturally control rodents. Twelve houses have been installed to date.

The Town has two owl houses remaining and would like to install them in areas where there is no coverage at the moment. The areas are:

- 1500 block of Wedgewood Drive, Kingswood Drive, Joyce Drive, the 1200-1300 block of Lakeview Drive, and the 1200-1300 block of Buckingham Way
- Clydesdale Drive
- The 2100 block of Parkside Drive
- The 1800-1900 block of Willow Road, Irwin Drive, and Brookvale Road

If you would like an owl house near your home in one of these areas, please contact Public Works at 650-375-7444.

FIRE SAFETY POSTER KIDS

Central County Fire Department officials awarded prizes to the winners of this year's Sixth Annual Fire Safety Poster Contest.

More than 200 students from kindergarten through fifth grade in the Burlingame and Hillsborough schools participated. Grand prize winner was a Hillsborough second grade student.



PHOTO BY LEANN THORNTON

TOWN-WIDE SAFETY NET UNDER CONSTRUCTION – HELP NEEDED

Hillsborough residents are in the beginning stages of organizing a neighborhood-based network that will help to save lives in the next large-scale disaster. At the request of Mayor Christine Krolik, Tedra Wrede and Geraldine LeMais have launched a grassroots movement to organize the Town into neighborhoods that will be set up to take care of emergencies when the local police and fire departments are stretched too thin by the size of a catastrophe.

"If there is a large disaster, residents need to be able to fend for themselves for 72 hours," Wrede said. "There will be no security blanket like there usually is. People will be dependent on their neighbors, and that's what this is all about."

The movement is called Hillsborough Neighborhood Network (HNN). The mission of the movement is to "Organize neighborhoods with the end goal of emergency preparedness at the individual, neighborhood and community levels and to promote self-sufficiency and maintain connectedness to neighbors and community."

Wrede and LeMais are both graduates of the Central County Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program. While undergoing the training, they realized the importance of having neighborhoods organized to help take care of each other and volunteered for the huge undertaking. In October they chaired a meeting to explain the plan to interested residents, and they have about 12 volunteer leaders so far. There will be a second meeting on May 26, at 10 a.m. at Town Hall and all are invited.

Leaders are currently in place for the north, west and south areas of Hillsborough. The next step is to inform the citizenry of the goal and start to secure leaders for more and more neighborhoods, fitting the pieces together like a puzzle until the Town is covered. Neighborhoods can be formed by school boundaries or voting precincts or by what Wrede calls "natural neighborhoods," areas like Geri Lane where people have already organized a neighborhood group.

Once a neighborhood is recognized, meetings will be held and residents will begin to get to know each other and communicate. They will exchange important information such as how many people live in each house, what special needs exist and what skills and equipment are needed. Volunteers will be educated.

Wrede pointed out that there are already more than 100 CERT-trained people in Town and even more trained in CPR, so qualified individuals exist and need only be brought on board to form the all-important network. Residents will learn safety methods, prepare emergency packs and ready garages for needed supplies and equipment. To accommodate the busy lifestyles of today, co-leaders will be appointed in each area and replacements will be trained on an on-going basis. Wrede added that forming neighborhood groups is not only vital for disasters,

but is a good practice for everyday life. It also forms a valuable sense of community and security.

"Even if there is just a power outage in one area, an organized neighborhood will know who needs assistance and can help each other," Wrede explained.

As neighborhood groups form and prepare themselves, the Town will begin to develop a large safety net. Similar efforts are being undertaken in other Peninsula cities, providing an even larger safety net. "But we need volunteer support," LeMais stressed.

When disaster strikes, the individual neighborhood groups will be an invaluable resource for the fire and police departments because leaders can coordinate and consolidate information and pass it along to emergency services.

For more information on the new program, go to www.hillsborough.net, then click on "city departments," then "boards and committees," then "Hillsborough Neighborhood Network (HNN)." People interested in participating can email HNN@hillsborough.net. There is also a recording at 650-401-6831 where you can leave your contact information.

It is expected to take about three to five years to pull all of Hillsborough together under one safety net. "The more quickly people step up and cooperate with those who approach them to participate, the faster we will be ready for a catastrophic event," Krolik said.

SPRING ACTIVITIES

Spring Activities in Town Hall Community Room, 1600 Floribunda Avenue

Yoga Spring Session – all levels welcome

**March 16 - May 25 (except April 6)
Tuesdays 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.**

Beginners Bridge Spring Session

March 16 - May 25 (except April 6)

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Intermediate Bridge Spring Session

March 16 -- May 25 (except April 6)

Tuesdays 1p.m. – 3 p.m.

FREE MOVIE MATINEES AND POPCORN!

Town Hall Community Room

**1st Wednesday of each month,
10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, March 3: "Stranger than Fiction," starring Will Farrell, Emma Thompson and Dustin Hoffman

April, May and June titles TBA

No registration needed

**Need a ride? Call 650-343-1865
or email kroliks@aol.com**

For more information or to register for classes, go to www.hillsboroughrecreation.org or call 342-5439.

HILLSBOROUGH CELEBRATES ITS 100TH THIS MAY

There will be more merry-making in this year’s merry month of May than ever before. After all, the Town is turning 100! Mark your calendars and get ready to celebrate the Town’s centennial. This is a once-in-a-lifetime chance, so don’t let the parade pass you by!

Three main events are being planned for Hillsborough’s 100th birthday party, according to Hillsborough native Vicky Lowdon, who is co-chairing the Centennial Committee with Letty Callinan and Lilli Rey.

Wednesday, May 5, Celebration of a Century, 4 p.m -6 p.m. The celebration kicks off with a party at Town Hall on the Town’s actual incorporation day and the logical day for its birthday party. Please join the mayor, past mayors and other dignitaries in a celebration and dedication of Centennial Park on the Town Hall site. The park is a gift from the Hillsborough Beautification Foundation with trees, flowers, pathways, benches and a fountain for the enjoyment of all residents. A time capsule containing a book written by Hillsborough school children listing their memories of the year 2009 and wishes for the children in 2060 will be buried at the park to be opened on May 5, 2060 – be sure to mark your calendars! There will be exhibits with old photos, maps and memorabilia bringing the Town’s rich history to life, and of course what’s a party without balloons and cake! “Plan on a fun and educational day, celebrating the Town’s history,” Lowdon said.

Friday, May 14, Hillsborough Historic Homes Tour, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The history lesson and celebration will con-

tinue on May 14 with the Hillsborough Historic Homes Tour. Five historic residences featuring a variety of architectural styles will give participants a peek into Hillsborough’s earlier days. One of these historic estates is among the original five Hillsborough homes built in the 1880s. The tour is sponsored by the Community Service League and will replace their 2010 traditional Kitchen Tour. As well as celebrating the Centennial, proceeds from this event will benefit local charities. (For ticket information go to www.cslsanmateocounty.org.)

Monday, May 31, “Parade of the Century,” 10 a.m. Join your neighbors for Hillsborough’s “Parade of the Century” on May 31, honoring the Town’s history and our veterans. “We want the entire Town to show up for this event, from war veterans to youth sports teams and school groups – anyone and everyone is encouraged to march in this parade,” said Lilli Rey who is the mastermind behind the parade. “We expect more people to be marching in the parade than watching it,” chimed in Callinan. Parade participants will march from Town Hall to North School where plans are to have a lunch, listen to bands and enjoy a full, fun day on the fields at that location.

Look for the Centennial celebration banners around Town and log on to www.hillsborough100.org for details of the events. Also, on Wednesday, February 24, from 8:45 to 11:00 a.m. at Town Hall, there will be a Centennial Volunteer Fair where anyone can sign up to help with a job – big or small. As Mayor Christine Krolik announced, “This will be a grand celebration not to be missed!”

VALENTE ENJOYS DOWN ‘N DIRTY WORK

Most of us know the recent recipient of Hillsborough’s Employee Excellence Award as Matt Valente, but around the Public Works Municipal Service Center, Matt is affectionately nicknamed “Pigpen.” The men of the Town’s ever-important Public Works Department frequently get muddy and soaked with water, but that has never bothered Valente. “He is always the first to start digging and get at a problem,” said Public Works Director Martha DeBry. “He has been known to jump in without weather gear.”

Valente is 100 percent humble about his job. According to him, he shows up for work, completes his tasks and “is appreciated.” Maintaining and repairing the hundred-plus miles of pipelines that distribute clean and safe water to Hillsborough’s residents Valente calls “mundane.” DeBry calls Valente outstanding. “He has become a leader

within the crew,” she said. “He can be relied upon to undertake any task and execute it with appropriate care. He is a good communicator and is helping to mentor other workers of the water crew.”

Valente was born and raised in Burlingame. He attended Mills High School and majored in recreation at California State University at Humboldt. He began work in Hillsborough five years ago and, according to DeBry, has grown tremendously during his years with the Town. “He has made the transition from a new college graduate to a leader,” she said, “and on top of that, he has a good attitude and ready smile.”



Matt Valente

DON’T BUILD WITHOUT THEM

Check Design Guidelines Before Adding On To Home

It only takes a short drive around our beautiful Town to see how the housing needs of our residents have changed over time.

With the growth of technology for home entertainment and fitness, as well as the increasing trend toward telecommuting, homes have become centers of entertainment, health, work, and of course, family.

These are just some of the elements that have spurred many families to substantially increase their existing square footage by adding a second story or deciding to start fresh from the ground up. These types of remodels can meet with resistance from residents, when privacy, views, or the

overall feeling of the neighborhood could be negatively affected.

The Town Design Guidelines, available at the Planning Desk and on-line, can help explain the criteria the Architecture and Design Review Board (ADRB) uses to approve or deny an application.

As an example, the Site Planning section outlines the advantage of situating a new structure to maximize views from the property while also maximizing the distance from the new structure to adjacent properties. The Guidelines also explain how the creative use of landscaping can go a long way toward resolving privacy issues. In addition, view concerns can often be mitigated by simply choosing a design that allows for a setback of the second floor, as opposed



PHOTO BY LEANN THORNTON

HENDERSON AND THE HOMETOWN TEAM

Hillsborough City Council honored former Oakland A’s baseball player – and Hillsborough resident – Rickey Henderson at their November 2009 meeting for his induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. They proclaimed July 26, 2010 as Rickey Henderson Day. Henderson is the all-time leader for steals, with 1,406, and for runs scored, with 2,295. He was the greatest lead-off hitter ever. Above he is pictured with a number of Hillsborough children and Little League players who attended the Council meeting.

CENSUS 2010 – BE COUNTED!

Residents of Hillsborough will be receiving census forms in March 2010. Please fill them out and return them. If they are not mailed in by the deadline, you may expect a visit from a U.S. Census Bureau worker. Workers will be walking and driving through neighborhoods in April to ensure questionnaires are collected.

(If you think someone may not be a Census worker, please do not hesitate to ask to see his or her badge. Residents can call Police Dispatch anytime to authenticate the validity of any door-to-door census employee at 650-375-7470.)

The Town of Hillsborough has a vested interest in obtaining an accurate overall census count. Census data is used to determine the distribution of more than \$400 billion annually in government funding, which

generates thousands of jobs. In addition, accurate census data ensures fair congressional representation and also helps to determine where to locate schools, day-care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities.

The U.S. Census is a count of every resident in the United States. The count is taken every 10 years, as required by the U.S. Constitution. In addition to recording the number of individuals in the country, the Census Bureau also collects other information, including but not limited to age, gender, race, ethnicity, housing status, and income. The Town of Hillsborough has formed a partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau to help promote the 2010 Census and is hoping to encourage optimal community participation.

SHARED HOUSING OFFERS HELP IN TWO WAYS

Perhaps you or someone you know needs a bit of extra income or assistance and has a room or second unit to share. Perhaps you know someone who could use help in finding housing. For a number of years, the Town of Hillsborough has supported and participated in a program that matches those needs.

The Human Investment Project (HIP) is a San Mateo County program dedicated to improving the housing and lives of people in the community. HIP is an integral part of the Town’s Housing Element, a state required plan that helps provide affordable housing in all California jurisdictions. The Town of Hillsborough donates annually to HIP.

“Various community members have expressed an interest in sharing a room in return for income or care,” said Director of

Building and Planning Elizabeth Cullinan. “On the other hand, there are people who might need a little help in finding housing – a domestic assistant, or a teacher or a public safety employee.”

The person with the space may be reluctant to rent to strangers. HIP helps to match persons needing housing with those who have available space. HIP interviews applicants and providers and negotiates terms to assure a proper match between individuals’ lifestyles. Since 2000, HIP has arranged for a number of shared units in Hillsborough.

“It serves as a benefit to all,” Cullinan said.

For information on the program, go to <http://hiphousing.org/programs/sharing.html>.

FIRE BLOTTER

During the past quarter, the Central County Fire Department responded to 1048 calls:

- Fire Calls: 35 (3.3 percent of calls)
- Explosions: 4 (.4 percent)
- EMS/Rescue: 686 (65 percent)
- Hazardous Conditions, such as wires or trees down, unidentified spills: 84 (8 percent)
- Public Assistance, such as lock-outs, water problems, smoke or odor investigations: 123 (10 percent)
- False Alarms: 116 (10 percent)