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# HILLSBOROUGH

3RD QUARTER 2010



## Concours D'Elegance

*Fifty-four-year-old "New" Event  
Continues the Tradition  
on Sunday, September 12*

For 54 consecutive years, the Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance has built and maintained a proud tradition of honoring and celebrating excellence in automotive design and engineering. The passion of the Concours leaders and volunteers, pride of its entrants, and devotion of its attendees has earned Hillsborough the impressive record as the longest continually running Concours in the world.

The Hillsborough Concours D'Elegance offers a forum for passionate vintage car owners to showcase their prized vehicles and to compete for respect and recognition for their commitment to preserving automotive authenticity. The Concours also aims to cultivate future generations of car enthusiasts by providing privileged access to some of the world's most celebrated automobiles and by serving as a channel for inspiring and informative automotive knowledge and lore.

While 2010 marks the centennial of the Town of Hillsborough, this year also serves

as the debut of many "firsts" for the world's longest continually running automotive showcase.

The first significant change to be made: location. This year, the Concours premieres at its new venue – the beautiful 18th fairway of the Crystal Springs Golf Course, where in addition to fabulous cars, gourmet food and wine will be featured. Come with an appetite!

The second change: the date. Chairman Rob Fisher, vice-chair Ted Dobos and their team felt that moving the event from the month of May to September would offer far fairer skies. The event will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2010 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Tour d'Elegance, a road rally of Concours participants and car enthusiasts, will be held on Saturday, September 11.

With "100" being a significant and meaningful number for the Town, the Concours will feature the Alfa Romeo marque, which also celebrates its centennial in 2010. Alfa Romeo will be one of this year's two featured cars at the Concours and will be in good company with the North American iconic classic, the Ford Thunderbird. 2010 is the first year of the Hillsborough Concours' unique



**Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of event.**  
**Visit: [www.hillsboroughconcours.org/](http://www.hillsboroughconcours.org/) to purchase tickets, volunteer, and for more details.**  
**Proceeds from the event will go to the Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance Foundation who will distribute them to the Hillsborough schools and previously designated charities.**

dual-badge showcase, designed to present a broader array of exemplary vehicles varying in styles and eras. Overall, there will be more than 200 cars and 33 different judged classes on the field.

"The Hillsborough Concours is part of the very fabric of our Town and we're delighted that this wonderful tradition is continuing. Our residents won't want to miss this spectacular event," said Hillsborough Mayor Christine Krolik.



*Above and left, vintage Alfa Romeos, which are the featured marques at this year's Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance, are pictured on the fairway at Crystal Springs Golf Club, site of the 54th annual Concours on September 12, 2010.*

*Right, in the driver's seat for this year's Concours, is Chair Rob Fisher, with passenger Vice Chair Ted Dobos.*

*Photo: 2010 Terry O'Connell*



### 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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# IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO REOPEN A GATEHOUSE

More than 100 residents of the village gathered, toasts were made and cheers rose as Lieutenant Caroline Serrato from the Hillsborough Police Department (HPD) christened with a bottle of champagne the newly reconstructed gatehouse at Ralston and Eucalyptus avenues on June 6, 2010. The ceremony even included a cake that was an exact replica of the gatehouse, down to the doorknob.

"Jim and I are thrilled with the project's outcome," said Sally Meakin. The Meakins spearheaded an effort to rebuild the gatehouse when it fell into a severe state of disrepair during the past decade. "The four years of effort had an ending we didn't dare dream possible. Even now it feels too good to be true," Meakin said.

It was about 100 years ago that the gatehouse was first conceived as part of Harriet Pullman Carolan's grand estate. It was eventually built in 1930 to be used as a gatekeeper's lodge when the Carolands estate was first subdivided. Architect Harold G. Stoner designed the gatehouse of picturesque charm that echoed the French Classical style of Carolands. For years it has stood as a reminder of the Town's grandeur and, as one person put it, "a welcome home to Hillsborough" sign.

But the structure lacked care and would probably have fallen down if it were not for the efforts of local residents. In the 1960s, Earl Zwingle raised \$5,000 towards its rehabilitation and persuaded San Francisco architect Angus McSweeney to repair the original gates.

The highly-regarded, late, nationally-syndicated real estate columnist Robert



*The Carolands Gatehouse officially reopened in June 2010. Lieutenant Caroline Serrato christened the rebuilt structure with champagne (right). There was a cake (above) in the exact replica of the Gatehouse, perfect down to the doorknob.*

Bruss also appreciated the building's significance and paid to have it repainted twice. In addition, Bruss was sometimes seen watering the gardens or on a tall ladder hanging Christmas decorations on the building.

Over the years, the roof of the building began to collapse and the interior disintegrated. The Meakins stepped in and formed the Save the Gatehouse Committee. With donations from the Meakins, George and Anna Hsu, and more than 100 other residents, almost half a million dollars was raised to bring the building back to life.

The project was awarded to Ionian Construction Inc. in July 2009. The contractor added many enhancements to the structure with minimal or no cost to the Town. The landscaping project was awarded to F. H. Ramirez Landscaping,

who installed plants, shrubs, trees, irrigation and a number of items not in the original bid for no extra cost.

"When the garden flourishes in a year or two, the climbing roses are taller, the vulcan magnolias put on their February show, and the golden chain tree matures, the landscape will provide year-round interest," Meakin said.

Most importantly, the building will hum with life. The HPD is moving in and using the gatehouse as a communications substation, offering protection for both the landmark and the community.

"The old girl seems to have quite a fan club," Meakin continued. "One of the first banners we made to hang on site (during the fund-raising campaign) said, 'Will you miss me when I'm gone?' Judging from visitors' reactions, I'd say most people really would have."

## CRYSTAL SPRINGS DAM CONCERNS

Hillsborough supports San Francisco's plans to increase the regional water supply by creating more storage at Crystal Springs Dam. But the Town also has some concerns – specifically, how seismically stable is the 120-year-old structure and how any widening of the spillway may impact neighborhoods and waterways below it when water is released during severe storms?

The Town is trying to arrange a meeting with the State Division of Safety of Dams (those who regulate dam building in California), the County Office of Emergency Services, and local emergency personnel to discuss concerns and develop an action plan should an emergency occur. Residents will be invited to attend.

"We need to know how to deal with the outfall of this project," said City Engineer Cyrus Kianpour. He pointed out that with a widened spillway, heavy storms could cause more water to spill out of the dam, which could cause flooding and erosion. A large spill could affect the Town's canyons and especially San Mateo Creek where overflows have already resulted in punitive measures from the Regional Water Quality Control Board. He is calling for an updated inundation map.

The County of San Mateo is scheduled to remove the bridge on top of the Crystal Springs Dam, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission will then raise the walls of the dam and widen the spillway. Construction is slated to begin in early 2011. The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) review was closed in April 2010. Hillsborough submitted its comments regarding seismic safety and spillway release. "They have been silent on these things, so far," Kianpour said, "but we hope they will take our comments seriously."

## TOWN BRIEFS

During the past quarter, City Council:

- Awarded a contract for landscaping at the Carolands Gatehouse for \$10,500. The project will be paid through a donation made to the project. The Town will pay for the maintenance, estimated at \$130 per month.
- Set the amount of the special tax for police and fire protection at the maximum (\$988), which was attained in fiscal year 2005-2006. Annual revenues are \$2.2 million.
- Amended the Hillsborough Municipal Code in order to implement the current Housing Element. The code now further promotes second unit opportunities, allows transitional and supportive housing and provides an area for an emergency shelter for homeless, should an applicant come forward. The area is in the former fire station on Town Hall property.
- Authorized an agreement with a janitorial service at \$40,332 per year for cleaning services at the Town Hall complex, Police Department and substation, and Public Works Corporation Yard.
- Awarded a two-year contract for \$158,000 to a grading and paving company to execute street repairs and on-call services. These repairs are isolated, unplanned events that typically range between \$400 and \$1,500 and are usually associated with the installation of new water services, sink holes, broken pavement and maintenance of public facilities. The vendor will mobilize one to three times per month to make repairs in Town. During the past two years, approximately \$186,000 was spent for on-call services.
- Awarded a contract for \$12,000 for weed abatement, specifically services to maintain fire breaks, abate weeds, and remove debris in eight designated public-owned open space areas and easement roads.
- Authorized the City Manager to move forward on a study of an upgrade to the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system. The action follows a review requested by City Council to determine ways to lower the cost of the SCADA system. The review focused on whether portions of the existing equipment could be retained and exploration of sharing the system with Burlingame.
- Entered into an agreement to provide professional planning services to supplement the administrative residential development process, support the Housing Element effort and consult on subdivisions. The amount is not to exceed \$35,000.
- Entered into an agreement to provide professional landscape consulting services, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. The service will provide landscape architectural recommendations on administrative and Architectural and Design Review Board (ADRB) applications.
- Delayed further improvements on the Walnut Avenue parking lot, with the exception of installing one light pole for \$10,000.
- Awarded a contract for \$46,000 for a pilot program for robotic inspection of 8-inch and 12-inch sewer lines.
- Authorized a payment of \$2.9 million for Hillsborough's unfunded liability

for the Fire Department retirement program and authorized a non-interest-bearing advance from the internal Service Fund to the General Fund to cover the payment. The payment is part of the final merger of the Burlingame and Hillsborough Fire Departments into the independent Central County Fire Department. Councilmember Regan pointed out that the payment will save the city money in the long run.

- Authorized city staff to negotiate a new contract with CSG Consultants, the Town's engineering consultants. The Town entered a bidding process for engineering consultants in February because the contract had not gone out to bid since 2003. Because it may prove to be more profitable to hire certain engineering positions, the new contract should provide for that flexibility. Hillsborough paid CSG \$1.6 million in 2008-2009 for engineering services.
- Learned that the Police Department will be improving visibility at the intersection of Buckeye Court and Ridgeway Road.
- Noted that all expenses for the Centennial celebration were privately financed.

### People

- Jennifer Werbe was recognized by City Council for her service on the Architecture and Design Review Board from January 2003 through March 2010. She served as chair from January 2007 through December 2008.
- City Council applauded Centennial Committee co-chairs Letty Callinan, Vicky Lowdon and Lilli Rey for the memorable and successful events commemorating the Town's 100th anniversary.
- Finance Director Edna Masbad, for the eighth time, was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. The award is specifically for the annual report, which the Association said is clear and transparent and written to inspire a reader to read every one of the many pages. "This represents countless hours of hard and tedious work and a great asset for the Town," said Councilmember Paul Regan in recognizing Masbad.
- Councilmember Jay Benton has been named chairman of the Central County Fire Joint Powers Board.
- HPD Lt. Caroline Serrato was recognized by the City of Burlingame for helping elderly and non-English-speaking residents keep their homes which could have been taken through eminent domain. She received Burlingame's Diversity Award. Serrato is a resident of Burlingame.
- The City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) has a new investment policy, developed by Councilmember Paul Regan and Finance Director Edna Masbad and will be establishing a new committee based on Hillsborough's Financial Advisory Committee.
- The City Council presented Certificates of Recognition to members of the Hillsborough U-10 AYSO Soccer Team, the Superstrickers, for winning the State Soccer Championship and the Five State Tournament. Members of the team were Luke Anderson, Frick Carey, Dylan Cunningham, Mark Domecus, Gabriel Lukaszewicz, Jack McClelland, Trevor Peay, Oliver Spira, Ian Tennenhouse, Kelly Wakasa and Evan Engler.

## REVENUE DOWN, COSTS UP FOR 2010/11

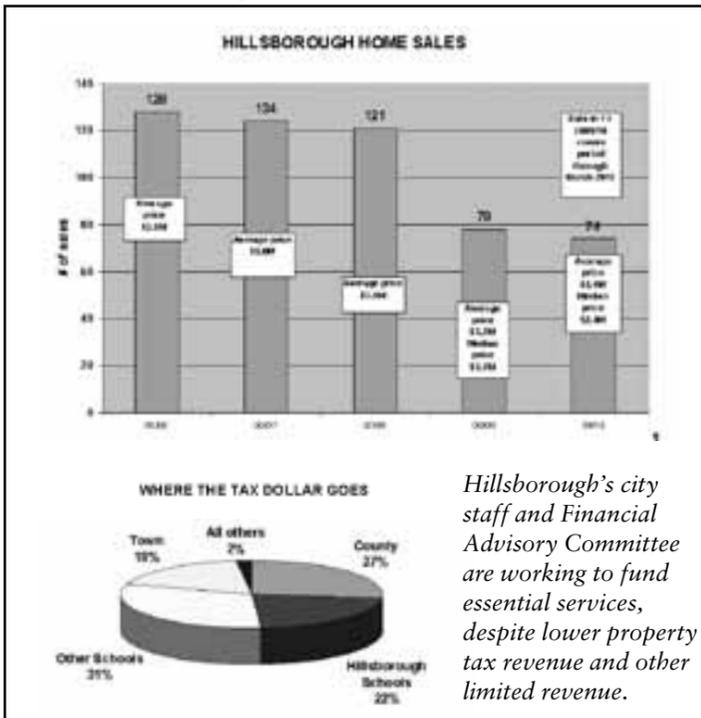
Running the Town of Hillsborough in 2010/11 will cost approximately \$40 million and, due to the overall economic status and outlook, the budget remains a challenge.

The 2010/11 budget continues to support the Town's values and City Council priorities, including preservation and enhancement of the Town's unique residential character, community safety, and improved infrastructure. The Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) and city staff are working to address even greater challenges that will present themselves beginning next year.

In approving the budget, Councilmember Tom Kasten thanked the FAC for the many hours devoted to developing the budget and added, "And thanks for the many hours that you will be putting in in the future to make things work."

The Town's 2010/11 budget shows a 16 percent increase over last year due to a mandated larger capital improvement program, in addition to a four percent increase in operational costs resulting from substantial increases in costs of wholesale water from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) and sewer disposal contracts with the cities of Burlingame and San Mateo. In addition, there is a two percent increase in the General Fund operating costs due to increases in workers compensation, health insurance and salary changes from the labor contracts; however, this increase was covered by cuts made by the departments in other areas, resulting in the General Fund overall budget remaining flat with a zero percent increase.

In March 2009, the Regional Water Quality Control Board directed the Town, via a Cease and Desist Order (CDO), to escalate its extensive sewer rehabilitation program to prevent overflows. The budget



contains capital projects to address that order, including but not limited to a \$3.5 million sewer cleaning and inspection project. An anticipated low-interest loan for the project recently fell through, but staff and the FAC are continuing to look for favorable financing and will determine necessary water and sewer rates to sustain the project.

Other capital costs range from police and fire equipment to replacement vehicles, computer replacements and programs, and a \$253,000 unplanned repair to a roadway as a result of a broken water main.

Overall, revenues are expected to remain flat. Property taxes contribute the largest amount of revenue. However, this year the annual adjustment to assessed values is a negative factor as opposed to the two percent inflation factor seen in previous years. Coupled with the slow real estate market, the Town is looking at an estimated one percent increase in property taxes. During the last 10 years, the average increase has been about eight percent.

Outside of the capital budget, this year's increased operating costs will be covered primarily by leaving two police officer positions vacant and shifting four Public Works Department street workers to sewer operations to help comply with the CDO requirements. Additional savings will be generated by suspending leave payouts and merit pay for management, eliminating a team-building workshop, not filling fire captain and firefighter positions, and negotiating staff reduction and salary concessions.

Besides the large capital budget increase due to the CDO, there are two other major budget changes. Fire personnel are now employees of the Central County Fire Department (CCFD), a stand-alone agency, instead of individual city employees, resulting in a budget shift from "personnel costs" to a "contribution to CCFD." Also, the Public Works Department will be establishing three full-time positions in lieu of contracting out the services. Both changes aim to create a more efficient and effective management of Town resources.

Rates will increase to sustain water and sewer services and improvements and to maintain a stable revenue stream for long-term fiscal health of the Town. A study has been undertaken to determine the appropriate increases.

In forming this year's budget, Council directed staff to consider "going green (conservation), exploring mergers, developing community-wide disaster preparedness and containing compensation and personnel costs."

"This year's budget reflects the Town's commitment to continue offering a range of services that can be sustained with its revenue base," said Finance Director Edna Masbad.

delivering reports to each home that will show "ideal" estimates (which can be adjusted) in comparison to actual use.

"We want this to be a tool for residents to know if they are effectively irrigating their landscaping," said Ed Cooney, a contract analyst for the Public Works Department. "It saves water and money; it's basically good drought planning."

### Mandatory cutback program

As a result of California law (AB1881), Hillsborough is being forced to adopt an ordinance that limits the amount of irrigated landscape for new construction projects, or landscape projects of a certain size (minimum of 2,500 square feet of irrigated area). The ordinance requires that 80 percent of the irrigated area has to be planted in low-water-using plants.

The ordinance for Hillsborough differs from the State ordinance, which is more complex and expensive to implement, according to Cooney. Hillsborough worked with the BAWSCA for more than a year and studied other agency plans to develop a regional ordinance that is "easier and kinder," Cooney said. City Council approved the ordinance in June and it became effective in August.

"The ordinance suggests designing lower-water-using landscapes, grouping plants in hydro-zones (so that plants that need less water are not unnecessarily irrigated), not planting turf on steep slopes (so water is not lost in run-off) and using mulch (which keeps out weeds and reduces need for water)," Cooney said. "It's just common sense ways of saving water." Another law that requires Hillsborough to reduce water use is Senate Bill X77. This law, passed in 2009, sets a state goal of reducing per capita water use by 10 percent by 2015 and by 20 percent by 2020. These are ambitious water use reduction goals, requiring Hillsborough residents to become more frugal about how they use water, particularly for irrigation.

## THE FIX IS AN 'APP' AWAY

There is now a way for any and every resident to become an acting member of Hillsborough's Public Works team.

See a pothole that needs repair? Did someone use a nearby ravine to dump trash? Has a sign been broken or defaced?

Just pull out your iPhone, BlackBerry or Android, snap a picture and send it off. You will need to download the SeeClickFix application (or you can upload photos at [www.seeclickfix.com](http://www.seeclickfix.com)).

The program allows Hillsborough to identify the problem and the location. It also allows the Town to log a response so the sender will know the outcome.

"We encourage residents to be our eyes and help us identify issues with the community," said Public Works Director Martha DeBry. She adds that the Public Works Department has several lines of communication available. In addition to SeeClickFix, Public Works is on Facebook at Hillsborough/Public Works, Twitter at hillsboroughpw, and the email address is [pw@hillsborough.net](mailto:pw@hillsborough.net).

## RECREATION ACTIVITIES

### Yoga and Bridge Classes – for all levels resume on September 7

For class details and updates please check <http://www.hillsboroughrecreation.com/>.

### Family Movie Night

#### Friday, August 20, 7 p.m. "Ratatouille"

Pixar animated hit film. Remy is a young rat in the French countryside who arrives in Paris, with dreams of becoming a renowned chef. The movie will be shown in the Council Chambers – pajamas and pillows welcome!

There are no Wednesday movie matinees scheduled for the fall.

### "Drive-in" Family Movie Night with Special Guest

#### Friday, September 10, 8 p.m.

Shown outside in front of Town Hall, bring lawn chairs and blankets.

"Iron Giant" – A boy makes friends with an innocent alien giant robot that a paranoid government agent wants to destroy. Special guest John Walker, the producer of "Iron Giant" and Pixar's "The Incredibles," will introduce the movie and be available after for questions and answers.

### "Before It Was Hillsborough..." A brisk pictorial tour of the history of the area!

#### Wednesday, October 13,

#### 11 a.m., Town Hall

Before the Centennial year ends, enjoy another view of the history of Hillsborough – these are photos you haven't seen before, and details you haven't yet heard! Sally Meakin, member of the Centennial Committee, presenter.

### Holiday Reading and Gifts

#### Wednesday, November 3,

#### 11a.m., Town Hall

Grab your book club and come down to Town Hall to hear about the most exciting holiday selections for adults and children!

## NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

Don't forget to vote on November 2, 2010. Residents will be voting to fill two Hillsborough City Council seats. Poles will be open between 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

## GREEN CORNER

### WHAT'S UP WITH WATER?

Hillsborough has engaged city staff, City Council, outside contractors and residents in a variety of ways to address various long-term water supply issues.

### Voluntary cutback program

When residents learn how much water they are using and how they can reduce the amount with very little effort, they tend to do so.

In the summer of 2008, the city launched a "Water Use Report" program. Over 150 residents who continually received fairly high water bills volunteered to receive periodic water use reports that showed their outdoor water use compared to an "ideal" water use, based on parcel size, weather and assumption on indoor use. Using the report as a tool, residents learned how to narrow the gap and typically reduced usage by 10 to 20 percent. In some cases, the reduction in use translated into thousands of dollars in savings per year.

Because of the success of the pilot program, City Council approved extending the program Town-wide. Hillsborough, because of its nature of development, has the largest per capita use of water in San Mateo County. The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) provides a limited water allocation to the Town and other members of the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA) through 2018, meaning everyone served by the SFPUC's Hetch Hetchy water system has to conserve. The goal of the Hillsborough program is to give people a tool to help them begin reducing outdoor water use and to help the Town meet its water use goals being set by the SFPUC.

Officials are in the process of mapping Town properties using its Geographic Information System imagery to detect areas of irrigated landscaping and are refining the mapping with on-site viewing. By the end of the year, staff will begin



## Counting on students to help count

Hillsborough students joined other San Mateo County students in a poster-drawing contest to promote the 2010 census. Fourth grade student Iver Lyche, pictured above with Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA), took third place and was recognized by the City Council this past May.

## TICKS CAN BE TIME BOMBS

Although Hillsborough City Council proclaimed May 2010 as Lyme Disease Awareness Month, it is wise to be aware of Lyme disease and its carrier, the western blacklegged tick, all year. Ticks are active year round, especially when it is wet. They are most common in the coastal regions and along the western slope of the Sierra Nevada range, but have been found in 56 of California's 58 counties, including San Mateo County -- and Hillsborough.

Ticks lurk in grasses, shrubs and trees. Larval or nymphal ticks pick up the Lyme disease organism when they feed on the blood of infected rodents. The adult ticks then look for larger hosts, such as deer or the incidental human, for a final "meal."

It is good planning to avoid areas where ticks could be hiding. Choose wide trails and walk in the center. Wear light-colored clothing so ticks can be easily detected before they become attached. Wear long pants and long-sleeves and tuck pants into socks or boots. Use repellents around shoes, ankles or on exposed skin. Inspect for ticks once an hour when walking in areas infested with the bug.

Remove attached ticks with fine-tipped tweezers by grasping them as close to the skin as possible and pulling gently but firmly, without crushing the body. Do not jerk or twist the tick as you extract it. Do not apply alcohol, fingernail polish, heat from a match or petroleum jelly to the tick. Save the tick in a plastic bag with a moistened napkin, tissue or cotton ball. Contact San Mateo County vector control district ([www.smcmad.org/ticks.htm](http://www.smcmad.org/ticks.htm); 650-344-8592, ext. 29) to have the tick identified. If the tick cannot be removed or part of it is left in the skin, consult your physician. Tick removal tools and kits are available at [www.lymediseaseassociation.org](http://www.lymediseaseassociation.org) or at most pharmacies.

Of the 48 tick species found in California, only the Western blacklegged tick transmits Lyme disease. But, be aware of the symptoms of the disease. Early signs of Lyme disease include flu-like symptoms, such as fatigue, headache, stiff neck, muscle aches and joint pains, chills, fever and swollen lymph nodes. Up to 30 days after the bite, a person could experience an

expanding rash that does not necessarily originate at the site of the bite. (A painful redness that occurs less than 24 hours after the bite and does not expand is more likely an allergic reaction to the tick's saliva). Some people experience no symptoms. It is important to treat early symptoms right away or problems could develop later.

Advanced symptoms of Lyme disease, which could develop if the disease is not properly or promptly treated, include chronic arthritis, nervous system abnormalities and cardiac disease. Weeks, months or even years after being bitten by an infected tick, a person can experience numbness in the limbs or face; increased sensitivity to light; difficulties with memory, concentration, learning or speech; mood swings, depression or abnormal thought processes. Pets can get Lyme disease, too, and show signs such as swollen joints and lameness.

Treat tick bites seriously.

## HILLSBOROUGH HISTORIC HOMES TOUR GREAT SUCCESS

On May 14, as part of the Town's Centennial Celebration, the Community Service League held a tour of five historic homes in Hillsborough. Attendees enjoyed having the opportunity to visit these beautiful homes and learn more about Hillsborough's history. All proceeds went to CSL, which raised a record breaking amount from this sold out event.

## HOW TO HIRE THE RIGHT LICENSED CONTRACTOR

When you hire a company or person to work on your home, you need to take several precautions.

- Make sure the contractor has a valid California Contractor's License. Check to see that the number is on the business card and all bids and contracts. To check for reliability of the number, call 1-800-321-CSLB (2752).
- Make sure the contractor has the required active business license on file with the Town of Hillsborough. Check <http://permits.hillsborough.net> or call 650-375-7400.
- Verify the contractor's workers' compensation and commercial general liability insurance coverage.
- Ask for personal recommendations when hiring a contractor.
- Get at least three written bids on the project, and beware of any bid that is substantially lower than the others.
- When the contractor comes to your house, ask to see his or her pocket license, along with picture identification.

If you have additional questions, do not hesitate to contact Hillsborough's Building and Planning Department at 650-375-7411.

## HILLSBOROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK

Thank you to the more than 1,000 residents who submitted their contact information to Hillsborough Neighborhood Network (HNN), the Town's emergency preparedness effort. The information is currently being organized and all will be contacted. The next general meetings of HNN are scheduled for Wednesday, September 22 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. at Town Hall. Contact information is still being collected. Call 375-7554 or email [hnn@hillsborough.net](mailto:hnn@hillsborough.net).

## POLICE BLOTTER

During the Spring 2010 quarter, the Hillsborough Police Department (HPD) responded to 3,193 calls for service. In those three months, HPD arrested 17 adults and six juveniles, responded to and investigated one injury and 16 non-injury vehicle collisions, and completed 139 police reports. A sample of some of the calls for service that occurred during this period are:

- On June 15, a fatal shooting occurred at a residence on DeSabra Road. An arrest was made, and HPD used the reverse 911 system to notify the entire Town of the incident. The case is currently pending in the courts.
- Hillsborough dispatch received a call from a citizen reporting that there was an unsupervised juvenile party with alcohol. Investigating officers responded and found that a 17-year-old male was hosting a party for other minors and was serving alcohol. The juvenile was arrested and charged with contributing to the delinquency of minors.
- A woman called 911 and reported that her adult son had vandalized the kitchen and was out of control. Officers responded and determined that the 30-year-old son was upset because his mother would not buy him a lawn tractor. He was arrested for vandalism, threatening police officers, and obstruction of justice.
- Hillsborough dispatch received a residential burglar alarm activation on Darrell Road. Responding officers noted a suspicious van leaving a nearby residence and conducted an enforcement stop on the van due to vehicle code violations. It was determined that a burglary had occurred at the location of the residential burglar alarm (as well as one additional residence in Hillsborough) and stolen property was recovered from the van. The driver was arrested and the vehicle was impounded.
- On three separate occasions, HPD has investigated a fare evasion case at West School. An unknown suspect takes a cab from San Francisco and asks to be dropped off at West School to use an ATM (which doesn't exist). The suspect walks through the school and then escapes without paying the taxi-cab driver.
- During a traffic stop, an HPD officer noted a gun in the glove box of the vehicle. The driver was immediately detained and it was determined that the gun was an air soft (toy) gun that had the orange tip painted black to look real. It is illegal to alter the tip of toy/replica guns and the driver was arrested for this violation as well as narcotics charges.

### Summer Reminders

Hillsborough residents are encouraged to provide the HPD with current contact information. This information should include cell phones, business numbers, as well as local friends or family who could be contacted in the event of an emergency or other public safety situation.

Resident information forms are available on the HPD website at [www.hillsborough.net](http://www.hillsborough.net) (click on the forms and services link) as well as in the Police Department lobby.

As a reminder, parking on the street overnight between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. is illegal within Town limits. The Town has experienced a number of car break-ins where valuables such as cell phones, laptops, purses or GPS systems were visible. You are encouraged to remove all valuables from your vehicle and lock it when parked. You should also remove GPS mounts, as thieves will break your car window to search for GPS devices in your glove box and center console.

To receive timely public safety notifications, please follow HPD on Twitter or Facebook ([hillsboroughpd](http://hillsboroughpd)). You can also receive email alerts by signing up for SMC ALERT at [www.smcalert.info](http://www.smcalert.info) (select Hillsborough as your group).

### Feedback

Please submit any feedback about the Police Blotter or ideas for future publications to Sergeant Nelson Corteway at [ncorteway@hillsborough.net](mailto:ncorteway@hillsborough.net). Your suggestions are welcome and appreciated!

## REMINDER – TO SHRED

Do you have some financial papers or other important documents you would like to shred?

The Town's "Shred It" event is tentatively planned for the end of August 2010 at the Town Hall parking lot. Visit the Town's website, [www.hillsborough.net](http://www.hillsborough.net) (check under "About Hillsborough" and click on "Town's News"), or call 650-375-7444 for current information.

There will be a limit of three standard size boxes (10 x 12 x 15) per household. This is very important because extra boxes take up more time and slow down the line. The Shred-it truck uses a

crosscut shredding process that reduces materials into confetti. Materials can be submitted with staples, paper clips and binder clips. The document shredding is conducted on-site. For additional information, residents can visit [www.shredit.com](http://www.shredit.com), [www.rethinkwaste.org](http://www.rethinkwaste.org) or [www.hillsborough.net](http://www.hillsborough.net).

## 100TH MEMORABILIA

Should you have missed out on acquiring a 100th anniversary embroidered fleece blanket or nifty historical map, this merchandise can still be purchased at the Finance Department adjacent to Town Hall. Just stop by during business hours. Your next opportunity for Centennial merchandise is 2110!

## FIRE BLOTTER

During the past quarter, Central County Fire Department received 987 calls. Calls included:

- EMS/Rescue: 622
- Public assistance: 107
- Hazardous condition: 61 (wires or trees down, unidentified spills, etc.)
- False alarms: 97
- Severe weather: 1
- Good intent: 66 (no merit – report of smoke that turned out to be steam, etc.)