# Town of Hillsborough August 2017 e-Announcement

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#### **HNN Information Session**

August 29, 2017, 6:30pm - 8:00pm Town Hall, 1600 Floribunda Avenue PG&E Hazards & Emergencies Presented by PG&E & CCFD



#### **HNN Cordially Invites you to an Information Session**

- Gas related Emergencies
- Electrical related Emergencies
- · What to do in the event of a Regional Emergency or Disaster

For more shredding information, click here or view our website calendar.

Design, Permitting, and Construction Forum
Monday, September 18, 2017, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Town of Hillsborough - Council Chambers
1600 Floribunda Ave

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The Town of Hillsborough is holding a Forum on the Design, Permitting and Construction process.

- Are you thinking of remodeling your home?
- Are you thinking of buying a home in Hillsborough?
- What is the Design Review process like?

- What limitations do I have on improving my property?
  - Who can I talk to about these questions?

If you are curious about any of these questions, please join us as we share tips for success in the design, permit and construction process from a panel of experts.

For further information, please contact the Building and Planning Department at 650-375-7422 or through email at ecullinan@hillsborough.net

## === INFORMATION ===

#### Wireless Regulatory Update Senate Bill 649

On July 12, 2017, the Assembly Communications and Conveyance Committee voted to approve Senate Bill (SB) 649 regarding "Small Cell Sites." This bill largely removes local discretion regarding locations of small cells, requires local governments to make all of their vertical property (such as poles and buildings) available for small cells, and essentially eliminates the ability for local governments to negotiate leases for small cell infrastructure siting based on fair market value. This bill has Legislation been rapidly moving through the legislative process despite tremendous local community concerns, and opposition from



jurisdictions representing over 90 percent of the population of California. This bill will be heard next by the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The hearing date and time have not yet been announced, but is expected sometime in August.

Over 215 California cities, including the Town of Hillsborough, are on record remaining strongly opposed to SB 649, which would require local governments to make essentially all government property and the public right of way available for wireless use without most controls and without fair market compensation. This bill will require special preferential permitting and mandated leasing of public property for "Small Cell" wireless infrastructure. A small cell, defined by the bill, can range up to 35 cubic feet of ground equipment, plus antennas.

The proposed bill as written represents a major shift in telecommunications policies and law by: (a) requiring local governments to lease out the public's property; (b) placing an artificially-low cap on attachment rates; (c) eliminating most control for wireless structure within the right of way; (d) eliminating the ability for cities to negotiate public benefits such as free Wi-Fi in public parks; and (e) disregarding the public's input and full discretionary review in all communities in the state.

Ultimately, SB 649 with its currently-proposed amendments would unnecessarily shut out virtually all public input. A better approach would be one that encourages coordination of "small cell" deployment in a way that works best for each community

The Town encourages you to contact our local legislators to express your feelings about SB 649:

Senator Jerry Hill - (650) 212-3313 District 13: http://sd13.senate.ca.gov/

• Assembly Member Kevin Mullin - (650) 349-2200 District

22: https://a22.asmdc.org/

For more information about **SB 649** please <u>click here</u> to visit our website.

#### Interim Superintendent, Louann Carlomagno

Dear Hillsborough Community Members,

I am honored to serve as Interim Superintendent in the renowned Hillsborough City School District (HCSD). I have truly enjoyed meeting students, staff, parents and community members and learning about what makes Hillsborough such a special place for learning and growing.

I am thankful for the deep commitment from both staff and the community in supporting exceptional educational programs for all our students and I look forward to seeing our programs in action once the school year begins. I am also pleased to share a few highlights from this past school year including: refinancing of the 2002 Measure B bonds saving our community over \$15M; on-going renovation of the North Hillsborough School Field; finalizing a new homework policy; near completion of the West Hillsborough School Safety and Beautification Project and the implementation of Writing Workshop from Teachers College, Columbia University.

My door is open to you and I invite you to introduce yourselves to me as you see me on our school campuses and in town. Thank you all for the warm welcome and I look forward to an exemplary school year!

Most sincerely, Louann Carlomagno

#### **Noise Ordinance-Leaf Blower**

Part of the beauty of Hillsborough is shown in the pride our residents take in maintaining their landscaping. In doing so, the Police Department wants to remind everyone to be courteous to their neighbors with regards to noise. Years ago, the City Council adopted an ordinance regulating the use of leaf blowers. They can be used only Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the exception of a holiday (determined by the closure of Town Hall), when their use is prohibited. Police proactively enforce this ordinance as well as respond to complaints and may issue a citation.



Construction noise is limited to the same hours as leaf blowers, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. However, construction noise, not exceeding 70 decibels outside the property line, can take place on Saturdays, as well as week days. No leaf blowers are allowed on Saturdays. No leaf blower or construction noise is allowed on Sundays or holidays. Please be observant of the ordinance restrictions.

#### **New WaterSmart Portal**

# Hillsborough's New WaterSmart Software Helps Town Residents Identify Over 300 Water Leaks in Two Months

The Town of Hillsborough recently installed an advanced water meter system which includesadvanced residential water meters and a customer service portal called WaterSmart. WaterSmart allows Hillsborough residents to see up to three years of historical water use, track real time (hourly) water use and receive water leak alerts (email or text). Over 700 Hillsborough residences have registered for WaterSmart by going to <a href="https://www.hillsborough.watersmart.com">www.hillsborough.watersmart.com</a>. These residents will receive immediate notification by email or text message in the event of



unusual water use (possible water leak). Some residents have been notified and found leaks of 100 gallons an hour and more. Don't miss a silent leak. Register today!

This project is an important part of the Town's ongoing commitment to maintain high-quality services to our residents. Please email pw@hillsborough.net or call 650-375-7444 if you have questions about this project, or call the Finance Department 650-375-7400 if you have questions about your water bill.

#### **Summer Safety Tips**

Presented by Kim Giuliacci, Fire Prevention Specialist, Central County Fire Department

#### **Campfire Safety**

Sitting under the stars by a crackling fire has its appeal. It's where stories are told, sing-a-longs happen, and meals are cooked over an open flame. Campfires bring family and friends together. But campfire mishaps can cause injuries. With a few safety tips, you can prevent these incidents.



- Before setting up a campfire, be sure it is permitted. Check with Central County Fire Department first.
- If campfires are permitted, they need to be at least 25 feet away from any structure and anything that can burn.
- Clear away dry leaves and sticks, overhanging low branches and shrubs.
- Avoid burning on windy, dry days. It is easier for open burning to spread out of control when it is windy and dry.
- Watch children while the fire is burning. Never let children or pets stand too close to the fire.
- Attend to the campfire at all times. A camp fire left alone for only a few minutes can grow into a damaging fire.
- Keep a campfire small which is easier to control.
- Never use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids.
- Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to put out the fire. Make sure to put it completely out before leaving the site.
- If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop and roll. Cover your face with your hands. Roll over and over or back and forth until the fire is out.
- Treat a burn right away. Cool the burn with cool water for 3 to 5 minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth. Get medical help if needed.



**Roast with Care** 

If roasting marshmallows, help young children. Never shake a roasting marshmallow. It can turn into a flying, flaming ball. A heated metal skewer can cause burns.

For more information please go to *National Fire Protection Association*.

#### A Call To Action For Our Military

For the past 10 years, the Hillsborough Adopt-a-Unit Program has sent care packages of snacks and hygiene products to soldiers during their deployments in Iraq, Afghanistan and Africa. Our 116 Adopted Soldiers have arrived once again in Afghanistan and are in harm's way defending our freedom. The unit chaplain recently sent this message: "I wanted to reach out to you with a unique



need for our guys. We have some living in austere conditions who are facing almost daily firefights. As if that wasn't enough, they are being eaten up by fleas and mosquitos. While the Army provides nets and lines uniforms with repellent, they are still receiving bites. A few of our guys have even developed fevers and related issues. In addition to all the great things you regularly send, would it be possible to ask some of your donors to include some heavy duty insect repellent (such as Deep Woods Off) in your next care package? We would be so grateful! -- CH (CPT) Corey Reeder, Bagram Airfield Afghanistan"

Note: Sending *aerosol containers* is prohibited by the U. S. Postal Service. We will be ordering appropriately packaged repellent product for our unit. With this in mind, please drop off funding for repellent and/or packaged snacks-bars, jerky, slim jims, sunflower seeds, nuts, crackers, cookies at Hillsborough Town Hall or Police Department.

Hillsborough's Adopt-a-Unit Program is also in need of funding to ship care packages to our soldiers in Afghanistan as each box requires \$17.35 in postage. Checks may be made payable to "Hillsborough Adopt-a-Unit" and may be mailed or dropped off at Town Hall or Police Department. Thank you for your generosity.

Contact Person: LeAnn Thornton, HPD, Lthornton@hillsborough.net; 650.375.7450

#### HILLSBOROUGH RECREATION PROGRAM

For details on classes offered, check www.hillsboroughrecreation.com or call 650-342-5439.

