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[Light Up the Town Recap](#)

Hillsborough families packed the Hillsborough Town Hall parking lot last night for Hillsborough Beautification Foundation's Light Up The Town. This annual event included children's choirs, arts and crafts, holiday treats and hot chocolate, a special visit from Santa, and, of course, lighting up Town Hall for the holidays! A memorable evening for all who attended.

The Town of Hillsborough and the Hillsborough Beautification Foundation wish you all a safe, festive, and happy holiday season.



[Central County Fire Department Toy Drive](#)

Central County Fire Department will once again be working with local merchants to collect toys for the CCFD Toy Drive. Barrels will be placed in various locations throughout Burlingame, Hillsborough, and Millbrae where the public can drop off new, unwrapped toys.

Last year 358 barrels of toys were collected. Fire personnel helped to receive donations at

6 fire stations and visited host collection sites to pick up donated items at 35 different locations. Those donations were then provided to one of 12 charitable organizations in San Mateo County.

The Toy Drive runs now through December 24th. [Click here](#) to visit the the CCFD website for locations and additional information.



=== INFORMATION ===

Holiday and Winter Fire Safety Tips by Fire Inspector, Kim Giuliacci

Put a Freeze on Winter Fires

While a warm home and a hot meal on a cold winter's day may conjure up thoughts of safety and security, the unfortunate reality is that winter is the leading time of year for home fires in the United States. Home fires occur more in winter than in any other season. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, BE FIRE SMART! Half of all home heating fires occur in the months of December, January and February. Heating equipment is involved in 1 in every 6 reported home fires and 1 in every 5 home fire deaths. Keep portable generators outside, away from windows and as far away as possible from your house. Central County Fire Department is committed to educating the public about simple ways to stay safe from fire this holiday season.



Preparing for the Heating Season

It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Although periods of extreme cold cannot always be predicted far in advance, weather forecasts can sometimes provide you with several days notice. Listen to weather forecasts regularly and check your

emergency supplies whenever a period of extreme cold is predicted.

Christmas Tree Safety

A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly. Christmas trees can remain relatively fire resistant. Follow a few simple Christmas tree and holiday decoration fire safety tips to ensure a Happy Holiday.



Remember Fire Safety

- Recut the trunk at least one inch above the old cut as soon as you get it home. This allows it to continue to pull moisture into its foliage.
- Keep the trunk in water immediately after it is recut. Moisture is the key to keeping the tree fresh and thereby enhancing its fire resistance. If the tree will be kept outside for a few days, stand it in a bucket of water until you are ready to bring it indoors.
- Locate the tree away from sources of heat. Avoid placing the tree near a heater outlet, woodstove or fireplace. Put it in the coolest location possible. Never leave a lighted tree unattended. Be careful not to block a door.
- Check the water level in the stand daily. Never let the water level go below the bottom of the trunk. Commercial floral preservatives can also be added to the water to help keep the tree fresh.
- Carefully control lights on the tree. Miniature holiday lights should be used on trees. Standard-size holiday tree lights generate heat, which accelerate the rate of drying. Do not leave lights turned on for prolonged periods or leave them unattended. Make sure all electrical cords have no frayed or cracked wires or broken sockets before placing them on the tree. Do not attempt to repair a worn light set! Throw it away and purchase a new replacement.
- Remove the tree immediately after the holidays. Even a properly cared tree will eventually die. Take it to the recycle center or leave for your refuse collector.

All of us at Central County Fire Department wishes you a Fire Safety Holiday Season!

Hillsborough Adopt-a-Unit: Postage for Packages

During this holiday season, 200+ care packages will be sent to support the Town's adopted soldiers in Afghanistan. The cost to mail each box is \$17.35. Please help support the "Postage For Packages" Campaign and let's send some holiday spirit to those far away from home, defending our freedom.

Checks may be made payable to "Hillsborough Adopt-a-Unit" and can be mailed or dropped off at Hillsborough Town Hall (1600 Floribunda Avenue).

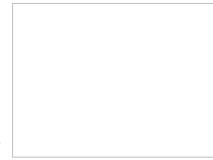


For questions, please contact LeAnn Thornton at the Hillsborough Police Department via email Lthornton@hillsborough.net or phone 650-375-7450.

Water Bills and Tools

Water Bills Are Now Bi-Monthly:

The Town has returned to its regular bi-monthly water billing cycle, from monthly billing, Customers will have a one month period where there is no bill, and then the following month it will include the two months. Thereafter, the bill will be every two months.



Easy To Sign Up and See Your Water Usage Online: Customers can sign up with the new WaterSmart web-based portal to view hourly water usage on your account. The WaterSmart tool provides frequent usage reads that will help you manage your usage and provide you with more immediate notification of potential water leaks. Sign up is easy and instructions are available at the Town's website at <https://hillsborough.watersmart.com/index.php/welcome> or call the Water Billing Department at (650) 375-7402.

A message from the Hillsborough City School District

Dear Community Members and Supporters of the Hillsborough City School District:

During this time of year we have an opportunity to give thanks to all those who have been so incredibly generous to the staff and students of the Hillsborough City School District. Thank you all for your commitment to our schools and, most importantly, to our youth. As educators, when children come to school, we are there to teach them; to guide them; to share in their excitement of life; to comfort them in their times of need; to counsel them in their decision making. We thank you for your trust and confidence.



We also love celebrating our community and inviting them back to our schools as we did in the Annual Crocker School Turkey Trot! We wish the very best to our community during this beautiful Holiday Season.

Associated Parent's Group of Hillsborough (APG)



The Associated Parents' Groups of Hillsborough (APG) is currently seeking nominations from the entire Hillsborough community for the following two awards:

- Hillsborough Schools' Citizen of the Year (COY) - Honors a resident who has made a sustained and significant contribution to Hillsborough, especially to the education

and well being of our children. For more information or to submit your nomination for the COY [here](#).

- The Hillsborough Schools' Community Care Award (CCA) - Honors a non-resident, typically in a salaried position with the School District or Town of Hillsborough or other vital community role. For more information or to submit your nomination for the CCA [here](#).

Deadline is December 6th, 2017. Final recipients will be selected by APG Board Members and will be honored at a reception at Town Hall. Thank you for helping us continue this time-honored tradition of recognizing those whose exceptional efforts have dramatically improved the lives of Hillsborough's children!

HILLSBOROUGH RECREATION PROGRAM

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



Town Hall Holiday Closure

Please note that Hillsborough Town Hall will be closed on the following dates:

Friday, December 22nd
Monday, December 25th
Monday, January 1st

**Happy
Holidays**