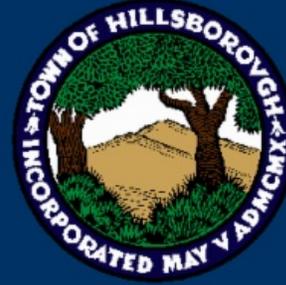


# Town of Hillsborough City Council Meeting Recap

April 2018



## **CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

**Hillsborough Newsletter Editor Retires**

**Assistant City Manager Receives Everyday Heroes Award**

**Police Department Wildlife Presentation and Safety Tips**

### **Hillsborough Newsletter Editor Retires**

Barbara Backer retired after 23 years as editor of Hillsborough's quarterly newsletter. Affectionately known as 'Barby,' Backer has worked closely with Town staff and the Citizens Communication Advisory Committee (CCAC) to create nearly 70 editions of the newsletter.



Vice Mayor Shawn Cristianson, the current Council CCAC liaison, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Backer on behalf of the City Council for her dedication to the community. Backer thanked the City Council, Town staff, and the CCAC for their help with the newsletters throughout the years, and praised the responsiveness of staff and how well the Hillsborough City Council meetings are run.

Be sure to check out the upcoming newsletter in May for a full article on Backer's career as the newsletter editor!

### **Assistant City Manager Receives Everyday Heroes Award**

The City Council recognized Assistant City Manager John Mullins as a recipient of the Peninsula Conflict Resolution Center and San Mateo County's Partnership Hero Award as part of the Everyday Heroes Program. The award is given to a city, local agency, or nonprofit employee that has gone beyond their work to support the community and inspire change.



During the awards ceremony on Thursday night in Foster City, Mullins thanked his family, coworkers at the Town of Hillsborough, and the Hillsborough residents for the award. "The whole community deserves this award because we work so well together."

### **Police Department Wildlife Presentation and Safety Tips**

Corporal David Agee of the Hillsborough Police Department (HPD) gave a presentation on

the presence of wildlife in Hillsborough and tips on what to do if someone encounters an animal.

Working with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, HPD began monitoring wildlife in Town and in 2014 positioned several wildlife cameras in order to confirm sightings. Although wildlife such as mountain lions, coyotes, deer, raccoons, and skunks can appear almost anywhere in Town, a majority of sightings happen along creek beds and other water sources. HPD monitors 10 wildlife cameras which are positioned in open space areas and along San Mateo Creek which captures all manner of wildlife including an occasional mountain lion.

Links for the two videos of wildlife in Hillsborough from the presentation and a list of safety tips when encountering wildlife will be posted on the [HPD homepage](#).