Ann Ritzma was appointed City Manager of Hillsborough by the City Council at its February 25, 2019 meeting. With over thirty years of experience in local government within San Mateo County and leading every department except Police and Fire, Ann was ready for this opportunity. Most recently, Ann was the Human Resources Director of Foster City and was also the City’s Interim Assistant City Manager. Prior to Foster City, she served as the Human Resources Director and Administrative Services Director in Pacifica. Ritzma became a credentialed City Manager through the International City/County Management Association about two years ago. Putting it all together, the timing is perfect for Ritzma to take the helm of the Town. Ann explains, “At this point in my career and with my two sons now grown, I look forward to putting my experience and knowledge to work here as City Manager.”

“I am very collaborative and relationship-oriented, so working for the Town of Hillsborough is a really good fit. Hillsborough’s government collaborates effectively both locally and regionally. In keeping with that focus, Ritzma has an open door policy and plans to listen to what is important to residents. She encourages residents to email, call or drop in at Town Hall to introduce themselves and share their views: aritzma@hillsborough.net or (650) 375-7400.

“I look forward to meeting residents and learning what people love about the Town and how the Town can provide exceptional service. I look forward to learning the stories that weave the fabric of this community. Of course, I also rely heavily on staff and the City Council for direction. The Council hosts a strategic planning session once a year in January, and then incorporates those policies and goals into the Town’s annual budget. I encourage residents to be a part of the dialogue.”

Though Ritzma now spends much of her day in meetings and at a desk, she starts most mornings with an early run near the San Francisco ballpark. Vacations are also oriented out-of-doors, with camping being a favorite family activity. In her spare time, Ritzma loves gardening; she has been awed by the Hillsborough Harvest Garden and the evident care devoted to landscaping and gardening throughout town.

As a longtime resident of Brisbane and an equally long-term government administrator on the Peninsula, Ritzma knows how passionate both residents and employees are about Hillsborough. She looks forward to working with the community and contributing to the Town’s vision and goals through best practices. "I am absolutely thrilled and honored to have this opportunity."
EXPERIENCED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST JOINS CFDF

When not on the job, the CFDF Emergency Management Specialist Donna Gunning enjoys photography and astronomy. Specifically, Gunning’s objectives and volume for “Zena Gunning” the San Bruno Junior Giants Stafa and Gunning Community Fund. Even when away from home, however, the Astronomy per- 2nd Quarter 2019 - 2 - man said, “I always have the kids helmet on.” My three rules are: Sai 1. Fire Prevention, Maintenance in Open Spaces 2. How to take better mobile photos 3. Among Hillsborough’s residential community, there are 250 acres of open space that are as a “home away from home,” especially during the summer months. In their natural state, this area around a building in which vegetation and combustible fuels have been treated, cleared, or reduced to slow the spread of fire to and from the building. Reduce fuel loads and fuel loads the amount of flammable vegetation or debris within a high priority areas such as steep hills, northern-facing slopes, areas with prevailing wind patterns, etc. 3) Be sure to notify your neighbors near you, this is a community issue and by working together we can help keep our community safe. 4) Clean and inspect your BBQ grill and clean it regularly. 5) Know CPR and pack an emer- gency plan which includes an emergency contact information and instructions to call 911 for help. 6) Use a pool cover when pool is not in use. “We try to add something new to mix it up and keep it fresh each year. It is now time for new leadership, and a new burst of energy that always comes with a changing of the guard.” The Used to have mass covering your roof. Do you have vegetation within 100 feet of your home, do you have a visible home address at the street for the Fire Depart- ment to use? If you are removing the outside of the house, then for maintenance constructi- on materials on outside walls, roofs and decks. Maintain and keep trees near your neighbors near you, this is a community issue and by working together we can help keep our community safe. 4) Clean and inspect your BBQ grill and clean it regularly. 5) Know CPR and pack an emer- gency plan which includes an emergency contact information and instructions to call 911 for help. 6) Use a pool cover when pool is not in use. “We try to add something new to mix it up and keep it fresh each year. It is now time for new leadership, and a new burst of energy that always comes with a changing of the guard.” The town of Hillsborough’s 10th Annual Memorial Day Parade will be Saturday, May 25 (Memorial Day), beginning at 10:30 a.m. and end at Crocker School. The parade will proceed down El Corte de Madera and will feature a Carnival and Music Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details at www.hillsborough-ca.org/parade.

Hillsborough Earth Day

If you’d like to join the Town on Saturday, June 22nd, to get to know your neighbors and learn about ways to reduce, waste and learn more about ways to reduce, waste and energy, I suggest you come to Earth Day. This event is free and open to the public, and will feature educational opportunities about composting, recycling, and more. Attendees can also learn about ways to reduce, waste and conserve energy, and how to participate in community programs to reduce energy consumption. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at (650) 375-7444.

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COMMITTEES FORMED TO COMBAT SFO GROUND-BASED NOISE

San Francisco International Airport (SFO) is one of the busiest airports in the country, with a significant impact on surrounding traffic. The SFO Roundtable was formed to address community noise impacts from aircraft operations at SFO to evaluate the airport’s impact on the ground-based noise that has increased noticeably in the past few years.

According to Assistant City Manager John Mullins, the cause of the increased GBN in the past few years cannot be attributed to one main cause such as an increase in travelers. “The first goal of the subcommittee is to research and collect data,” Mullins said. “We will include working with HPD to evaluate the airport’s infrastructure and reviewing key metrics that measure ground-based noise. The next objective would be to use the information collected to develop potential noise mitigation options.”

A Hillsborough community working group has also been formed to discuss the issues on a more town specific level. The group includes the City Council Roundtable representative, Town staff and local residents, and others who have been previously involved in the aviation industry. For more information on the SFO Roundtable and City council subcommittee including videos of past meetings and dates for future meetings, please visit their official website at www.sforoundtable.org.

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
REMINDER: IT’S TIME TO INSPECT IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

It has been a long, wet, winter, and irrigation systems have been on hiatus. Before turning on your irrigation systems, take a thorough check-up. Here are some items to check before starting to irrigate:

1. Irrigation Schedule: Irrigation controllers are notoriously complicated. Have you ever set your irrigation schedule for Monday and Friday only to find out a month later that your schedule is actually Monday through Friday? Here’s a tip: Log on to www.hillsborough.net. A dash excludes certain words from searches will include the same

2. Irrigation Controller Battery: Does your irrigation controller have a battery? If so, you’ll need to change it once a year. If it dies, and you lose your controller’s settings, you may have to do a default irrigation setting that provides your plants with too much or too little water.

3. Check for Leaks: Turn on your irrigation system zone by zone and check for broken spray heads, misaligned spray heads, or broken dripper lines and wet spots that could indicate a broken irrigation pipe.

4. Irrigation Valve: Water valves, including irrigation valves, can be fouled or spring a leak. This will result in constant loss of water. Check irrigation valves for leaks or log on to WaterSmart to check for a constant use pattern.

5. Hire Good Help: If you don’t believe you have the knowledge, or want a professional to check your irrigation system, check out Qualified Landscape subcommittee meetings. “The subcommit-

6. Dashes

7. Quotes

8. Marks

9. News

10. Public

11. Works

12. Department

13. Public Works

14. Department

15. Handle

16. Tips

17. Website

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The Town invites all residents to view its newly redesigned website at www.hillsborough.net.

DO NOT SKIP THIS WEBSITE TIP!

The benefits of this website include:

- Improved navigation
- Faster access to information
- Enhanced search functionality

Today’s Tip

Hiring the wrong contractor or using the wrong materials can result in costly repairs and headaches. Here are some tips to help you avoid mistakes:

1. Ask for References: Before hiring a contractor, ask for references. This will help you determine if the contractor is reliable and knowledgeable.

2. Compare Quotes: Get multiple quotes from different contractors to compare prices and services. This will help you get the best deal for your money.

3. Ask for a Written Agreement: Make sure you have a written agreement that outlines the scope of work, materials to be used, and payment terms.

4. Check Licenses: Ensure that the contractor has the necessary licenses and insurance to legally perform the work.

5. Read Reviews: Check online reviews to see what other customers think of the contractor’s work.

Submit Photos for the Website

Calling all photographers! The Town is looking for high-quality photographs of Hillsborough’s amazing scenery to feature on the Town’s website. Have your photos be the first to be seen people when they open the Town’s homepage.

If interested, please read the official submission guidelines at www.hillsbor-ough.net/websitephotos.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS BRIDGE TRAIL NOW OPEN

A pedestrian and bicycle trail in Hillsborough was recently completed in January. The trail was installed as part of the County’s Crystal Springs Dam Bridge Replacement Project. The route connects with the Crystal Springs trail and ends just north of Highway 92 at Skyline Boulevard. The new trail is open to all pedestrians and cyclists from sunrise to sunset.

POLICE BLOTTER

For the three-month period of January, February and March, 2019 the Hillsborough Police Department (HPD) responded to 8,502 calls for service. In those three months, HPD had 337 false alarms and 1 juvenile response, and investigated 116 injury and 1 injury vehicle collisions, and completed 167 police reports. HPD also conducted 585 traffic stops, issued 208 citations and arrested 16 non-injury and 1 injury vehicle collisions, and completed 167 police reports. HPD also conducted 585 traffic stops, issued 208 citations and investigated 111 security checks at the schools and other facilities. HPD investigated 240 suspicious persons and vehicles and responded to 645 residential burglary alarms.

A sample of some of the notable calls for service that occurred during that period is listed below:

• An officer made a traffic stop on Floribunda Avenue at the intersection with El Camino Real. The vehicle was stopped for having a cracked windshield. The vehicle was occupied by two adult males. Officers obtained identification from both parties. A records check of the passenger returned an arrest warrant out of San Mateo County. Officers searched the vehicle with the consent of the driver. Numerous locking tools were found behind the driver seat. The driver was arrested for possession of burglary tools. The passenger was cited for the warrant.

• At 3:00 a.m. an officer conducted a license plate check on a vehicle. The check returned that the vehicle’s registration had expired (2018). The officer observed the vehicle’s registration tags were current (2019). The officer conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle and contacted the driver. The driver admitted he had taken the tags from a vehicle at the place of his employment. He consented to a search of the vehicle. During the search the officer located numerous Xanax tablets, suspected heroin and paraphernalia used to smoke heroin. The driver was máximo in custody and booked into the San Mateo County Jail. The charges included possession of medication without a prescription, possession of stolen property, possession of drug paraphernalia and petty theft.

• At 1:30 p.m. an officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle with tinted windows and a stolen license plate. The driver of the vehicle was contacted and a records check indicated that he was the restrained party in a restraining order issued by San Mateo County. A passenger in the vehicle was identified as the protected party under the restraining order. The driver was arrested for violating the restraining order and booked into the San Mateo County Jail.

• Officers were dispatched to the area of Manor Drive on the report of a suspicious person. A resident called to report solicitors in the area. Officers arrived on scene and contacted two female subjects. They were identified and record checks were conducted. One of the subjects had a bail warrant out of Rohn, California. Once the warrant was confirmed, she was taken into custody and booked into the San Mateo County Jail.

• At 2:30 p.m. HPD officers were dispatched to Elm Avenue on the report of a suspicious person looking into vehicles. A male subject matching the description was contacted and detained. He was found to be on probation with a search and seizure condition. Officers located methamphetamine and a glass pipe used to smoke methamphetamine. He admitted to smok- ing methamphetamine earlier. He was placed under arrest for possession of methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia.

• At midnight HPD officers observed a male subject walking and displaying signs of intoxication in public. Officers detained the man. When the officers attempted to conduct a pat down for weapons, the man pulled away from the officers and took a fighting posture. During the contact the man threatened the officers. He was transported and booked into the San Mateo County Jail on charges of Drunk in Public, Resisting Arrest and Resisting Arrest by Means of Tread or Violence.

Safety Reminders
Always remember to lock all doors and windows, even on ones on the second story, and always be aware of your surroundings. There is no penalty or fine for the first three false alarms per year. If a property does have more than three false alarms, HPD will work with property owners to identify the causes rather than enforcing fines immediately.

HPD officer inspections for residents who want to make their homes more secure. Call HPD at (650) 375-7470 to sched-ule a no cost appointment.