

# HILLSBOROUGH

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## RUSSIANS SETTLED ON HILLSBOROUGH'S CAPITALIST SOIL, 1951

*Thirty-nine rooms  
were more than needed*

By Michael Svanevik & Shirley Burgett

Strange as it may seem, Hillsborough held the center of the world's stage in summer of 1951 when delegates from 52 nations gathered in San Francisco for the signing of the peace treaty with Japan, ending World War II.

Housing delegations became a matter of major diplomatic importance. While American representatives took over the Palace Hotel and the Japanese were given rooms at the Mark Hopkins, the 40-person Soviet delegation, headed by Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, was assigned 28 rooms in the St. Francis Hotel on Union Square.

This arrangement had been made despite Gromyko's express preference that the Russians be isolated, quartered in a private home. The State Department retorted that no residence was adequately large enough to accommodate 40. Refusing to accept this, Soviet house hunters scoured the entire San Francisco Peninsula for a site.

Mrs. Romie Jacks, then owner of the Uplands, built in 1915 for Templeton Crocker, agreed to make her home available. Enamored by Hillsborough's capitalist soil, the Soviets rented the 39-room Uplands for \$250 a day. It boasted 12 bedrooms and 12 baths. There was a solid marble tub in the master bathroom.

Harried, the Hillsborough Town Council met in secret, ultimately crumbling to government pressure to grant special permission to allow "multi-family occupancy."

The once palatial house, by 1951, was in a sad state of repair. Scores of Soviet workers converged to renovate the estate. Electricity and water to the third floor were restored. Peeling wallpaper was replaced and ceilings replastered. The house was buffed from top to bottom. Telephone company workers strung more than a mile of wire for added lines.

Technicians installed teletypes in the ballroom, assuring instant communications with Moscow.

Uplands became an armed camp. Hillsborough police guarded the perimeter of the house. Federal agents patrolled the five-acre grounds. Well-armed Soviet guards were responsible for inside security.

Gromyko's Cadillac limousine, surrounded by a dozen police motorcycles, and a Gray Line bus with other delegates, arrived at Uplands September 1, 1951. Tight-lipped delegates filed through the iron-barred doors. A gruff, chain-smoking, frowning Gromyko brushed past newsmen.

For 10 days, world attention was divided between San Francisco and the so-called Hillsborough Kremlin. With full police escort, sirens wailing, Gromyko raced daily back and forth between Hillsborough and the Opera House where meetings were held. The entourage commonly moved at 80 mph.

The diplomatic conference ended with the signing of the treaty on September 8. Two days later, the Soviet delegation left the Uplands. When pressed by journalists as to how he liked the accommodations, Gromyko admitted that they were "so so" but "more room than we needed."

Soviet servants remained behind to transform the house back into a bastion of capitalism. Ceilings and woodwork were dusted, hardwood floors waxed and every window in the house polished to perfection.

Returning, Romie Jacks found Uplands sparkling, in fact, in better condition than when she'd left. State Department officials carefully inventoried antiques, artworks, linens, silver and the gold dining set. Everything was in place, and absolutely nothing had been damaged.

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*For 10 days, the eyes of the world were on Hillsborough. Gromyko's Cadillac limousine was parked under the portico of the Uplands. Hillsborough police vehicles were in constant attendance. Right, Hillsborough Police Chief Walter Wisnom (second from left) conferring with American and Soviet agents inside the residence before Gromyko and the delegation arrived. Below, an unsmiling Andrei Gromyko stepping off the train in Oakland.*



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# BUDGET BALANCES FOR 2006-07 FISCAL YEAR, BUT CHALLENGES LIE AHEAD

As a result of a steady increase in property tax revenues, the primary source of revenue for the Town, Hillsborough has a healthy, balanced budget for 2006-07. While property taxes have risen an average of 7 percent annually for the past several years, the increase is expected to level off in the next few years, presenting a growing challenge in balancing the budget.

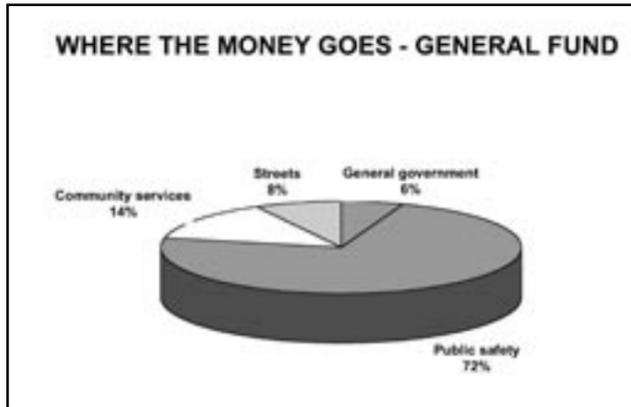
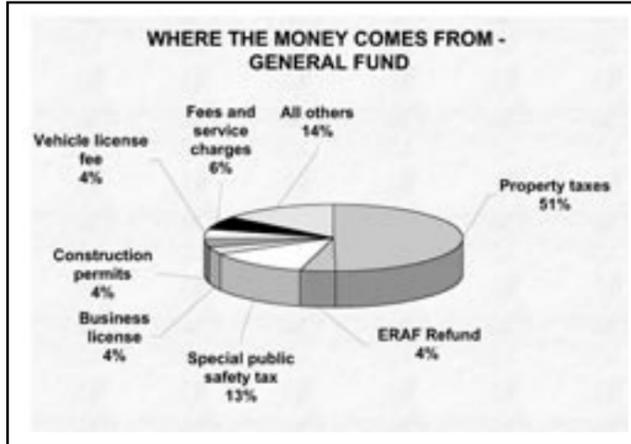
The 2006-07 General Fund budget projects expenditures, balanced by revenues, of \$17.3 million, a 6 percent increase over the prior year. Property taxes comprise 55 percent of the revenue budget. Remaining revenue comes from the special public safety tax (13 percent), government funds, and a variety of fees and service charges. By far, police and fire is the Town's largest General Fund cost (72 percent), followed by community services, planning and building (14 percent), street maintenance (8 percent) and general government expenses (6 percent). Broken down by category, the largest expenditures are for salaries, retirement costs, and insurance, in that order.

Included in the General Fund budget are funds for approximately \$600,000 in capital improvement projects, the most expensive being \$400,000 for annual street paving. The budget also calls for filling a Police Department position, funding a full-time human resources specialist and funding a part-time disaster preparedness coordinator.

Separate from the General Fund,

Hillsborough has water and sewer funds with combined operating expenditures of \$13.4 million. To increase revenue further, the Town approved a 12 percent increase in sewer fees and plans for a mid-year 10 percent water rate increase. The Town plans to undertake \$4 million in water and sewer capital improvement projects this year as part of a 10-year improvement plan. In April 2006, the Town issued \$12 million in bonds to help fund the plan.

City staff and the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) are continually looking at ways to cut costs. Because costs required to maintain streets far exceed the budgeted \$400,000, City Council recently approved a vehicle impact fee, a charge levied on construction trucks, which account for the largest percentage of damage to city streets. The fee is expected to bring in an additional \$490,000 annually.



In the future, the FAC may study how to reduce the cost of library services. Currently, Hillsborough contracts with the Peninsula Library System, amounting to \$625,000 per year.

## RESIDENTS LOOK AT 'LARGE HOME' REGULATIONS

Mayor Tom Kasten's Zoning Study Committee completed its work on June 19, 2006. Following intense deliberations on four occasions for three to four hours per meeting, the committee concluded that Hillsborough's rules regarding large homes do not need major revision.

The committee made four recommendations which were adopted at the July City Council meeting:

1. To leave as is the Town's FAR (floor area ratio, specifying the square foot limits of a home in relation to lot size).
2. To further study required minimum setbacks on lots for larger homes and possibly increase front and side setback requirements.
3. To form a checklist for easy use by the Architecture Design Review Board (ADRB) and applicants who want to build

in Hillsborough to assure applicants are following the Town's Design Guidelines, and make it clear to applicants that the Design Guidelines will form the basis for the review process.

4. To leave the ADRB preliminary review meeting procedure as is, inviting no public input at the pre-review level.

The recommendations wrap up a process begun in September 2005 when a group of residents named the Hillsborough Community Trust (HCT) brought before City Council their concerns about building large homes on small lots. They commissioned an independent study to investigate their concerns and determine the potential impact on views, privacy and the scale and character of the community. The concern was piqued by applications to build three homes in the Crocker Woods subdivision

at the corner of Ralston Avenue and Chateau Drive.

As a result, Mayor Kasten formed a Zoning Committee to study the concerns. The committee was made up of 20 property owners, varied by age, race, length of residency, neighborhood, number of children, and occupation, among other factors. Three members of the ADRB, two City Council members and two members of the HCT served on the committee. Also included were architects and a real estate broker.

Deliberations covered the Town's guidelines and how they worked, changing demographics and desires of new home owners, challenges of enforcing standards, financial downsides to over-regulation, flexibility and accommodation, negotiations with neighbors, and a host of other items related to the building approval process.

### Employee Excellence Award



Sally Rumsey

## ALL IN THE FAMILY

"Like mother, like daughter," the saying goes. A real life example of that adage exists on the Hillsborough Town staff. In winter 2004, Kari Pechetti, Hillsborough police service technician, was presented the Town's Employee Excellence Award. A few months ago, Kari's mother, Sally Rumsey, was bestowed the same honor.

"It all goes back to the parents, right?" Sally laughed in commenting on the dual award. In seriousness, she said she attributes the recognition to "good work ethics in the family." She added that her husband has also won awards for his hard work.

Sally, a secretary in the Building Department, said hard work comes easily in a town as wonderful as Hillsborough. "There is never a down time," she said, and the day flies as she helps homeowners, contractors and architects through the building process which makes the counter at the Building Department one of the busiest spots in Town. "You need to be a people person," Sally said.

Customer service has been Sally's life's work, by choice. She was born on the East Coast, then migrated through southern schools before landing at her sister's home in Sunnyvale, setting roots in California. She worked for Wells Fargo and several small banks for 35 years until she felt the banking industry started to value sales over service. When she learned of the opening at Hillsborough (via that "special contact" at the Police Department), she applied and is starting her fifth year on staff. "I like the people contact the best, and learning something new and different every day," she said.

"She's one of the best. She exceeds all expectations," said her co-workers.

## DO YOUR PART FOR THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

While we may find it overwhelming to individually assist in the decrease of global warming, there are two things one can do to help the environment.

1. Save this address: Shoreway Recycling and Disposal Center (SRDC), 225 Shoreway Road, San Carlos. The off-ramp from Highway 101 is Holly Street.

2. Collect all waste that is too hazardous and thus illegal for your regular trash and make a trip to SRDC to dispose of it. (See address above).

Many common household products contain hazardous chemicals that, released into the environment, contaminate the air, water and possibly the food we eat. Thrown in the trash, they can harm the garbage handler. It is illegal to dispose of hazardous waste in the garbage, storm drains or on the ground.

The following is a partial list of common banned, hazardous items:

- All batteries, from AAA to car

- Fluorescent lamps and tubes
- Computer and television monitors (which contain large amounts of lead)
- Electronic devices such as computers, printers, VCRs, cell phones, telephones, radios and microwave ovens
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Some pool chemicals and cleaners
- Latex and oil-based paint
- Solvents such as paint thinners and fingernail polish remover
- Motor oil, filters and tires
- Hypodermic needles and syringes

For more information about residential recycling, visit the SBWMA's rethinkwaste.org or County of San Mateo's Household Hazardous Waste smhealth.org/hhw, 650-363-4718 or call SRDC, 650-592-0255 or allied-wastesanmateocounty.com. Call to make an appointment for the disposal of hazardous waste. There is no charge for this service.



## Tanks for the memories

Two 750,000-gallon water tanks on El Arroyo Road were demolished this June, signaling the beginning of Hillsborough's water tank restoration project. The \$2.4 million project is designed to improve seismic safety and ensure the Town's water supply. The tanks serve 20 percent of the Town's residents.

## POLICE BLOTTER

### Investigations

The Hillsborough Police Department (HPD), working in conjunction with the FBI and other local agencies during the past several months, arrested a suspect in an auto burglary ring. He is also suspected of two bank robberies, a car jacking, a stolen vehicle case and the theft of a shotgun from San Bruno.

HPD was also successful in obtaining a \$100,000 arrest warrant for a suspect in three residential burglaries in Hillsborough, dating back nine months.

Thanks to the Spanish-speaking skills of Captain Nick Gottuso, a suspect was arrested on charges of assault with a deadly weapon and attempted theft when he dragged a victim behind his vehicle for 400 feet on Roblar Avenue. He had reportedly stolen gardening tools from the victim, who then tried to keep the suspect from driving off with them. Witnesses called the police. Inspectors Dave Agee, Rob Chinca and Gottuso traced the van to an address in San Mateo and made contact with the suspect, who eventually complied with the police request for entry, issued in Spanish by Gottuso. It was learned that the van was stolen, the suspect was using a fake name and had a warrant for his arrest on narcotics charges.

During one month, there were four incidents of child abuse/neglect in Hillsborough. Two of the cases are under investigation.

Police responded to an in-progress theft on Bella Vista during the past quarter. The suspects fled the area, but left behind stolen property which led to the discovery of two additional thefts. The thieves were subsequently arrested in Los Altos.

A brazen theft from a vehicle occurred during daylight hours on Falkirk Lane a few months ago. The suspect used stolen cell phones and credit cards in San Francisco within hours of the theft. HPD is working with SFPD to determine the identity of the suspect.

Two identity theft suspects were arrested in Sacramento. One suspect was carrying a fake driver's license with the suspect's name with a Hillsborough resident's address who had been a victim of ID theft in 2005.

For a recent two-month period, HPD received 987 calls for service. They arrested four adults and one juvenile. There were three injury accidents and 10 accidents resulting in property damage only.

During the same period, police reported three auto burglaries (on Bella Vista Drive, Cinnamon Court and Falkirk Lane), three grand thefts (on El Cerrito Avenue, Summit Drive and Melrose Court), five petty thefts (mostly items taken from autos on Denise Drive, Kingswood, El Cerrito Avenue, Stacey Court and Windsor Drive), one stolen vehicle from Stacey Court, and 13 acts of vandalism. There were two cases of identity theft, one assault with a deadly weapon, one assault and battery, and two sexual assault cases. There were five cases of elderly deaths in homes, and 35 requests for mutual aid. Police received 461 alarm activation notifications, 156 of which were cancelled before police responded. Twenty-seven false alarm citations were issued.

The following are some of the reports pulled from the Daily Log for a recent month:

- Suspects entered an unsecured garage and kicked in an interior door on Mountainwood, taking \$2,000 worth of power tools from a sub-contractor.
- A resident of El Cerrito told police someone had been using her name to fill out a new car purchase application.
- A resident on Stacey found car keys in her backyard flowerbed.
- Theft of tools from job site on Rowan Tree, amounting to \$3,000 loss.
- Loud music on Country Club – was a graduation party – asked to turn down music. Also report of loud party on Kenilworth.
- Numerous reports of speeding drivers in town.
- Unknown person used ID information of man on Braemar to attain \$7,000 line of credit.
- Woman requests civil standby as husband is trying to kick her out of house.
- Housecleaner on Roehampton reports unlocked car was entered and friend's purse, credit cards, check book and savings book taken.
- Construction crew working on Sunday. Advised of civil code.
- Male wearing orange jumpsuit seen on Brewer. Subject was party goer at cops and robbers party.
- Possible drug lab left at abandoned residence on Bromfield.
- Beat-up red, white and blue truck reading "Great American Steak House" on Skyfarm, where driver and child attempting to sell meat door-to-door.
- Home flooded due to top floor sauna malfunction. Central County Fire vacuumed out more than 300 gallons of water.
- Workmen cutting trees. Check on permit.
- Juveniles riding motor scooters, speeding up and down Bellevue. Young residents of Chapin asked to walk scooters home.
- Man with handgun enters pro shop at Crystal Springs Golf Course, then headed north on Highway 280.



Composite sketched by Julianne Giusti.

## DRAWING ON HPD'S BEST RESOURCES

One of the things Julianne Giusti most wanted to do in life was draw. Now Officer Giusti is certified to draw California's "Most Wanted." She recently completed the state's certification class for police sketch artists and is ready to put pencil to paper to help identify criminals. "She's a real natural, she's excellent," said Captain Nick Gottuso.

Giusti, a Carlmont High grad, majored in art at the College of San Mateo, but it was a trial bringing her most wanted career choice to fruition. Her parents discouraged

her from the competitive field of architecture, and an attempt to work into the mapping department at PG&E didn't pan out. So she followed a second desire to become a police officer. "I can always draw crash scenes (the schematics showing angles of collision, etc.)," she thought.

Giusti said she made her desire to draw known when she came to Hillsborough's Police Department 15 years ago, but it got lost in the shuffle of her duties of crime prevention, evidence collection, bike patrol, investigations and street patrol. Sketch artistry classes were not certified by California law enforcement until two years ago, and then there was not enough money in the budget for the expensive class.

Eventually, the HPD obtained a grant, and Giusti was off to pursue her dream. She has graduated now and is ready to launch into official sketching. Thumbing through the FBI books of different types of eyes, noses, mouths, etc., cataloging and consolidating details to create a composite, working with victims to define and redefine a sketch uses the best of Giusti's talents. "We had this wonderful artist right there in our midst and didn't realize it," Gottuso said. "Julianne is probably headed toward being one of the county's most talented – and maybe most wanted – sketch artists."



Julianne Giusti

## CAREY'S CARE LEADS TO ADRB APPOINTMENT

Two strong motivating factors motivated Ward Carey to apply for the Town's Architecture Design Review Board (ADRB): an interest in the building process and a love and appreciation for Hillsborough.

He was named alternate ADRB member a year ago and became a full member upon the resignation of Kathleen Benoit.

After graduating from Columbia University in New York, Ward joined the construction industry, renovating high-end city apartments and building new suburban homes.

Ward moved to California 10 years ago and has lived in Hillsborough for six years with his wife and three children, who attend North School. "Our kids go to a great

school, we feel totally safe, we live in a town that is so well managed, and that doesn't happen by accident," Ward said. "This is a small way of helping out, of giving back a bit." He said he enjoys being involved in the community and in Town issues.

Ward currently works in research, conducting research on technology companies. His wife volunteers at the school, and Ward seized upon this opportunity to join ADRB to also be involved in the community.



Ward Carey

## FOLLOW THE MONEY – ACROSS THE DRIVEWAY

What was the financial impact of the Burlingame and Hillsborough fire department merger? Sure, there was a budgetary savings, but there was another "financial impact." As a result of the merger, the Finance Department is moving – out of Town Hall and into the vacated fire administration building.

Right before the final consolidation of personnel, there were two Fire Department employees in a 984-square-foot building. The Finance Department consisted of five people squeezed into 550 square feet. The math is easy. The move frees up space in

Town Hall, provides working space for employees and auditors and eliminates the cost of off-site storage for hundreds of files. The entire cost of renovating almost 1000 square feet of office space, including new paint, new wiring, office furniture, lighting, signage, and repairs to the heating and sewer systems was about \$25,000.

"It was a labor of love," said in-house project manager Police Captain Mark O'Connor, "using lots of our own expertise and a lot of contacts."

O'Connor noted that the now-new Finance Department building was built in the 1940s and at one time housed the Town's former Finance Department.

Have business with the Finance Department? In the fall, visit their new home next to Town Hall.

## THE STATE MAY HAVE YOUR MONEY – TAKE A LOOK

Think of police action, and a scenario of officers chasing a bank robber and retrieving bags of greenbacks might come to mind. Hillsborough police officers are engaged in a slightly different form of recovering cash these days. Check this web site – <http://www.sco.ca.gov/col/ucp/> – suggests Sergeant Caroline Serrato, and you might discover you have a small or even substantial stash being held for you by the State Controller's Office. To date,

Sergeant Serrato has helped 10 residents find forgotten funds in amounts ranging from \$7,000 to \$12,000.

It takes about 10 seconds to do, giving a new meaning to "quick cash." Information on how to retrieve the funds is on the web site.

Unclaimed property, as it is officially called, is in the form of monies, property or safety deposit box contents. Money could come from sources such as a forgotten sav-

ings account, refunds from an insurance policy, stock shares, or an inheritance. The wife of a Hillsborough police officer has found several thousand dollars in a variety of business accounts left by her father when he passed away.

Serrato offers both help and advice on recovering property. If a resident has no access to a computer, call Sergeant Serrato at the Police Department and she will help you learn if you have any money

owed to you.

Additionally, Serrato says, don't fall for any scams associated with retrieving money. If a person calls you and says you have some money coming and they will help you retrieve it for a small fee, say no thanks.

"The site is completely free and open to anyone," Serrato says. "Usually if you search for 10 names you know, one of those will have money owed."

## WHERE IS THE WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE?

### Central County Fire Department

“What is an urban wildland interface? As defined by the 2006 International Wildland-Urban Interface Code, it is that geographical area where structures and other human development meets or intermingles with wildland or vegetative fuels. So to answer where it is, one only need look around the community where residential neighborhoods are intertwined with eight natural canyons and undeveloped areas. With this natural beauty comes the liability of living with fire danger. Hillsborough is located in one of the original 15 identified counties in the state to be established to have “very high fire hazard severity zones.”

Fire dangers can be significantly reduced while still maintaining the attractive natural state and not adopting overly aggressive vegetation management that would leave the lush canyons barren and susceptible to erosion and mudslides. The Town of Hillsborough has been a leader in San Mateo County in ensuring that the levels of fire danger are kept low. The Public Works Department annually sections the canyons into smaller segments through carefully placed firebreaks. The Town Council was one of the first local governments to establish criteria for buildings within a wildland-urban interface, adopting ordinances in the wake



Unlike the property above, areas around homes should be free of dry and dead vegetation and low tree branches.

of the 1991 Oakland/Berkeley Hills Fire specific to wood decks and exterior wood siding for homes built adjacent to canyons. Owners of vacant and undeveloped properties are required to remove dead vegetation from their lots annually.

The Town is doing even more. The Central County Fire Department and the Hillsborough Building Department are actively participating in a countywide ad hoc

group to establish a countywide ordinance for building construction within a wildland-urban interface. This new ordinance will replace Hillsborough’s existing wildland-urban interface requirements and meet changes in state mandates. Legislation was adopted in California in January 2005 that now requires building departments to verify that new construction meets wildland-urban interface regulations prior to insurance companies granting fire insurance.

Things you can do to ensure a fire safe residence are:

(1) Remove all dry and dead vegetation from your property within 100 feet from your residence. If the 100-foot clearance area overlaps public property, please call Public Works (375-7444) to coordinate removal for fire management.

(2) Remove all ladder fuels by trimming your tree limbs to 6 feet above the ground.

(3) Ensure trees and limbs are kept at least 10 feet from chimney openings and barbecues.

(4) Landscape with inherently fire resistive plants within 30 feet of your structures.

If you have further questions regarding fire safe vegetation management, find extra tips and information on the San Mateo County Fire Safe web site at: <http://www.smcfiresafe.org>.

## DOGGONE PROGRAM SEEMS TO DO THE TRICK

Barking dog complaints are down in Hillsborough. When the Peninsula Humane Society stopped taking action on dog barking calls, the Hillsborough Police Department stepped in and developed a program that helped leash in the number of complaints.

Habitual dog barking is prohibited by Hillsborough Code and is defined as barking by one or more dogs for extended periods of time. The HPD considers barking to be



Officer Dave Young

habitual when it has occurred for five minutes per incident per day, and the city attorney will review a complaint of eight incidents of barking that occur in a one-month period.

Approximately a year ago, Officer Dave Young designed a packet for residents bothered by problematic pups. When police receive a barking dog complaint, they not only deliver a packet to the reporting party but also notify the dog owner. The packet contains a log for residents to register times and duration of barking sessions, two notice cards to mail to the offending dog’s owner and tips on how to cure excessive barking and resolve neighbor disputes.

Completed packets can be returned to police and forwarded to the city attorney, who can press charges. Maximum fines for dog owners can reach as much as \$1,000 and/or six months in jail.

“Of all the packets we’ve dropped off, none has been returned,” Young said. “It seems to nip the problem in the bud. It’s really working well.”

### IMPORTANT NOTES

- For up-to-date Town information and a host of general Hillsborough information, check the Town’s web site, [www.hillsborough.net](http://www.hillsborough.net).
- Want to know what projects are scheduled for design review? Ask to receive the Architecture Design Review Board (ADRB) agendas via the web site’s E-Notify benefit. Go to [www.hillsborough.net](http://www.hillsborough.net). Click on E-Notify in the bottom left corner. Click on New Subscriber, or Log In. Fill out the information requested. Click on items of interest to you, be it the ADRB agendas, police or fire notifications, Public Works construction projects, or other.
- To participate in the Police Department’s Dial Logic program scheduled to launch in several months, fill out the E-Notify information on the web site (see prior item).

Dial Logic, operated through the Hillsborough Police Department, alerts you to critical, current information important to your health and safety – storm warning, rash of burglaries, closed roads, etc.

- City Code prohibits leaving your garbage cans, recycling bins and/or garden bins on the street beyond 24 hours.
- West Nile Virus is still a threat. Don’t leave water standing – mosquitoes find it a perfect place to breed. Additionally, wear bug repellent, as mosquitoes are known to live even in treetops.

## TOWN BRIEFS

### Council:

At the May and June meetings, City Council:

- Adopted an ordinance that addresses the standards of the Town of Hillsborough to comply with the California Energy Code for the Town of Hillsborough. In furtherance of promoting green building practices, the Town will now require a higher degree of insulation for walls, ceilings and windows for all new construction and additions. New requirements call for R-21 in walls, up from R-13; R-30 in ceilings, up from R-19; and U-0.50 for windows, amended from U-0.67.
- Adopted revised Standard Conditions of Approval for all major projects approved by City Council, the Architecture Design Review Board and the Planning Department. Major projects are defined as additions or new construction of 500 square feet or larger, including new dwellings and second story additions.
- Awarded a contract to low-bidder Bond Blacktop, Inc. for this year’s street-paving and repair project. Funds for the construction budget come from Measure A, the gas tax and water funds. The Town saved money by opting for a gray aggregate as opposed to the more expensive black. Work began in July and should be completed in August. Public Works is in the process of developing a plan to treat all streets in Town within the next seven years.
- Awarded a contract for \$800,000 (including contingency) to Insituform Technologies, Inc. for a third phase of the Town’s sewer mains lining project. The work will rehabilitate approximately 17,200 linear feet of damaged pipelines, located throughout the city.
- Adopted a construction vehicle impact fee of .83 percent of the reported value of a project. The fee is expected to generate approximately \$490,000 annually for street repairs, the need for which is caused, in great measure, by heavy trucks.
- Adopted ordinances updating both the electrical and plumbing codes to include more modern materials and installation practices, resulting in savings of up to 25 percent for homeowners.
- Approved a 12 percent increase in sewer rates to offset debt services and increases in operating expenses. The average cost per residence will rise from \$1315 to \$1473 per year.

### People:

- Heard from the Hillsborough City School District that construction and renovation is actively underway on their Crocker, West and North school properties. Five eucalyptus trees were removed on Ralston Road, but no other trees are scheduled to be cut down except for a tree on North campus where a limb fell and hit two cars. Widening of Ralston Avenue is under discussion by the school board, an expensive project that may be cost-prohibitive. During renovation, most of the construction traffic will be on the campuses themselves. The district is adhering to the Town’s recycling plan. Work is scheduled to be completed by August 21, before school reopens on August 29.
- The Hillsborough Police Department recently welcomed Nick Chinca, brother of Inspector Rob Chinca, to the force. Officer Nick Chinca, who went to high school in Pacifica, St. Mary’s College, College of San Mateo and Skyline College, comes to Town following a six-year stint with the San Bruno Police Department. He said he looks forward to working in the Department.
- Seagrum Gilbert has been named Assistant City Attorney. Gilbert, a graduate of Duke University law school, is in the Real Estate Group at Carr McClellan Ingersoll Thompson & Horn. Besides real estate, she represents companies in general corporate matters and exempt organizations, including governmental entities. Long-time Assistant City Attorney Penny Greenberg will be retiring later this year.
- John Milke, chief building official, is retiring in August 2006. Milke has been in Hillsborough for 10 years. He spent the first four years in the Building Department working on inspections and plan review services. For the past six years, he has served in his present position. He and his family will be moving to Missouri. John Mullins, who is currently with the Department, will be replacing Milke.

### Thank you

- Thank you to the residents who responded to the Residential Recycling survey. The 21-percent response rate will help the South Bayside Waste Management Authority (SBWMA) better serve residents and increase recycling. The majority of residents said they would like larger, wheeled containers that do not require sorting of recyclable materials and would be willing to bring materials to the curb if rates were lowered. For more details on the findings, check [www.hillsborough.net/depts/pw/default.asp](http://www.hillsborough.net/depts/pw/default.asp).

## 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 3rd Monday  
4 p.m. - Town Hall



### DEPARTMENT COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Tom Kasten, Ex officio Commissioner  
John Fannon, Community Services  
D. Paul Regan, Administration  
Vice Mayor Catherine U. Mullooly, Fire Department  
Mayor Thomas M. Kasten, Police Department

### ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

John Fannon, Commissioner  
Walter Heyman, Chairman  
Richard C. Reisman, Jennifer Werbe,  
George Jewett, Ward Carey  
Alternate – Mark Heine



## COMMITTEES

### FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

D. Paul Regan, Commissioner  
Jess “Jay” Benton, Chairman  
J. Lawrence Onderdonk, John Lockton, Al Clark,  
Al Royse, Josh Cooperman, Larree Renda

### CITIZENS COMMUNICATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Catherine U. Mullooly, Commissioner  
Diana Witzel, Chairwoman  
Marie Chuang, Candace Lyche,  
Janet MacGregor, BeBe Trinkner



### HILLSBOROUGH RECREATION 342-5439

D. Paul Regan, Commissioner  
Christine Krolik, Commissioner

### HILLSBOROUGH CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Marilyn Loushin Miller, Superintendent: 342-5193

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Business: 375-7470  
Emergency: 911  
Alarm Specialists: 375-7472

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Business: 375-7422  
Emergency: 911

## NUMBERS

### TOWN HALL

Administration: (650) 375-7400  
Website: [www.hillsborough.net](http://www.hillsborough.net)

### Town Hall Hours:

Mon. – Thurs. 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Emergency after hours and weekends: 375-7470

City Council: 375-7400

Main and Finance Department: 375-7400

Water (service and billing):

Mon. – Thurs. 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Fri. 7:30 - 12:30 p.m. 375-7402

Building and Planning: 375-7411

Public Works and City Engineer: 375-7444

### CITY MANAGER

Anthony Constantouros: 375-7400

### Comcast

Customer Service: 1-800-945-2288

### PG&E (24 hrs.)

Outage Information: 1-800-743-5002

Customer Service: 1-800-743-5000

### ALLIED WASTE

Main Number: (650) 592-2411

Hazardous Material: (650) 363-4718

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