



HOME

Association of North Central San Mateo

HANCSM - Our Organization Welcomes Home Owners, Renters, Property and Business Owners

Winter 2010

President's Message

Jane Williams

Happy New Year, Neighbor.

What a good time it has been,
Communities supporting families,
HANCSM members creating friends.

Last year HANCSM spoke about flood plains
And lessening sidewalk debris.
Police came to speak about safety.
We learned about services---free!

Traffic received your scrutiny.
New buildings came past your eye.
You studied it all with a purpose,
Support North Central or deny?

We know the world is in crisis,
But you . . . you continue to thrive.
You are brave and fiercely determined.
Your hope and your focus are alive.

This year you'll continue to flourish.
Your purpose is simple and true.
Like last year we still need a hero
And the hero we need is **YOU**.

The chief cause of unhappiness is giving up what you want most for what you want at the moment.



Quarterly HANCSM General Meeting

THURSDAY, Jan. 28, 2010

Please come to the Neighborhood meeting for a pre-application process by the California Water Service Company and for our General Quarterly HANCSM WINTER MEETING. The California Water Service Company is requesting approval from the City of San Mateo to construct a new 16,535 square foot, two story, office building, service yard parking/equipment storage with related landscape on the existing 3.29 acre site. The new building will be located on the northwestern end of the existing site. After completion and occupancy, the existing office building/structures will be taken down. The new building will be the headquarters for the Bayshore District Office of the Water Company. Exhibits of the site layout and building designs will be available at the meeting on January 28, 2010, at 6:30pm at the Cal Water facility in San Mateo. **PLEASE NOTE NEW LOCATION FOR THIS 6:30 PM MEETING** at the Calif. Water District Office at Poplar/Delaware. Entrance will be through the northern gates off Poplar and it will be held in large meeting room that has served as a polling place in the past at the southern end of the property. Light refreshments will be served.

HANCSM Needs Your Help

Wanted: Some average citizens willing to get involved in our neighborhood and city issues. We don't want to wait until a project is almost ready for approval before "hollering foul" and getting all bent out of shape at this late point in a project. We need to get upset and bent out of shape when the city and the developers are doing something to our area (and other areas in our city) that will greatly affect our "quality of life" with increased traffic and circulation problems, density issues, etc., but we need to catch the problem earlier. If we can get a number of people interested in various issues/topics, we can share the burden and no one person will get overwhelmed and discouraged. It takes time to know what the issues are and what needs to be done. There are HANCSM Board Members who can bring you up to date on specific issues. Please contact us.

Community Calendar

Thurs, Jan 28 6:30 pm	HANCSM General Meeting Calif Water District Office
Nov-Feb 28	Winter Spare the Air illegal to burn wood, pellets, or fire logs when a Winter Spare the Air Alert is issued
Mon, Jan 25 2-3:30 pm	Intro to the Internet, Part 1 Main Library FREE 522-7818
Sat, April 3 9am—1:30 pm	Eggstravangza Central Park FREE



Transportation Needs of North Central

In August of 2009, the City of San Mateo kicked off the North Central San Mateo Community-Based Transportation Plan (CBTP). The plan will identify transportation gaps and needs in the North Central San Mateo community and identify feasible solutions to address them. Residents of the community and the agencies that serve them will be part of the planning process.

The CBTP is funded by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) and administered by the San Mateo City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG). C/CAG has designated the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans) as the appropriate agency to lead this effort. Following the completion of the plan, the results will be forwarded to the appropriate agencies for consideration in future planning, funding and implementation discussions or proposals.

The study area for this plan is located in the northern section of the City of San Mateo and is bordered by US Hwy 101 to the East, Poplar Ave. to the North, the Caltrain rail line to the West, and East 5th Avenue to the South. The planning process will involve a significant community outreach component to engage the direct participation of residents. Outreach for the plan will take place from the end of January 2010 to late March 2010, and the City is actively seeking input on the plan. A website will be available soon with an online travel survey and study resources for public review.

SamTrans staff will conduct one-on-one interviews, over the phone or in-person, with staff from community-based organizations and other agencies serving the North Central San Mateo neighborhood starting in late January. Staff will also approach community groups and organizations for the opportunity to be included in one of their scheduled meetings. If you are interested in being a part of this important study, please contact the Project Manager, Emily Avery, at 650-508-6327 or email averye@samtrans.com.

High Speed Railway (HSR) Developments

There has been a recent judgment in favor of the local lawsuit. A result of that judgment is the reopening of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process for the HSR. This means that there is another opportunity for the public to voice their concerns about the proposed High Speed Railway through San Mateo. Peninsula City Governments should be writing position letters to HSR and elected representatives.

In order to address the HSR, the Peninsula Cities Consortium (PCC) has hosted several meetings in review of the Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS), a formal process to

gather public concerns and integrate solutions to the issues arising from the proposals to build a high-speed railway which will run through San Mateo. The CSS process was developed by the Federal Highway System and can be adapted/adopted by HSR (although the CSS has not previously been used on any HSR system).

Although the City of San Mateo has not joined the PCC, Mayor Grotte has attended a few meetings and Public Works Director Larry Patterson has attended a few study sessions. The last I heard, the City of San Mateo is opposed to any surface HSR and prefers a tunneled HSR through San Mateo, as do the majority of other Peninsula cities.

HSR goals are to have 120 mph trains on the Peninsula every 3 minutes during the day. Portions of the Peninsula run will be tunneled but the majority of the run will be a surface run, either depressed or elevated. HSR management's preference is to have an elevated rail system, because the ramps for a depressed rail system will require the roads to be torn up for months and, when finished, the ramps will extend 1-2 blocks (at the Hillsdale and San Carlos crossings) from the rails.

Ben Toy

Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Collaborative

This community-wide collaboration between the County of San Mateo, area nonprofits, and the City of San Mateo is now underway. Its goal is to promote health and safety for our youth in North Central San Mateo. The coalition is looking for motivated community members to participate in its Community Council, which will serve as a guiding Board of Directors for coalition activities. Please contact Sara Randazzo, PCRC Manager of Community Wellness Initiative, (650) 513-0330, x318 or srandazzo@pcrcweb.org

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RECYCLING....it's the *In Thing* To Do

The City of San Mateo has a goal of reducing the amount of trash that is put in the landfill. Roxanne Murray, who is in charge of keeping tabs on trash and other recycling efforts in our city has provided the following information:

Styrofoam blocks: Drop off at: Coastside/Seacoast Disposal: 1046 Palmetto Ave., Pacifica, CA 94044 **OR**
GB Industrial: 1528 Atlantic St., Union City, CA 94587

Old Clean clothing (not good enough for thrift stores) for use as rags can go to: Bay Rag (drop off only, unless commercial size quantities) 201 San Jose Ave., San Jose, CA 95125.

Electronic Waste (TV, cell phones, computers) is accepted by Goodwill in San Mateo, 28 West 25th Ave.



Don't forget, each household with garbage service is allowed two free **BIG TRASH PICKUP DAYS**. Multi-dwelling units can also set up two free trash pickup days. Call Allied Waste to set up an appointment. Take advantage of this service to get rid of your larger unwanted items.

For more info, call Ms. Murray at: (650) 522-7346, or e-mail rmurray@cityofsannmateo.org

**Please Join HANCSM
Your Membership Counts**

San Mateo Police Report

As we usher in 2010, I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy year. One of the goals we should all share is to continue to get involved in improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods. One way to do this is to join the Neighborhood Watch. If your block is not currently part of a Neighborhood Watch program, consider partnering with the police department as a volunteer. For information on volunteering, please call Betsy Sievert at 522-7700.

Here's a suggestion from a recent crime awareness alert---Please review your debit card withdrawals regularly as there has been a significant number of debit cards compromised with "skimming" devices. These "skimming" devices are placed inside the slot where your credit card/debit card is inserted and can be undetectable. "Skimming" has happened in the past at restaurants and gas stations where debit cards/credit cards are used on a regular basis. If you detect unauthorized withdrawals, notify your bank immediately and contact the police department. As a final item, three subjects were arrested for the robbery of a juvenile (taking his cell phone) near Gateway Park. The detective bureau is continuing to investigate for other possible robberies committed by these individuals. Always feel free to call me or e-mail with other issues or concerns you may have.

Lieutenant Ted Gonzales (650) 522 7687

tgonzales@cityofsannmateo.org



Home Association of North Central San Mateo

JOIN NOW! In issues that affect our area, HANCSM acts as a powerful and unified voice. As a member, you will receive a newsletter, attend informative meetings, and be represented at City and County meetings. You will also have the opportunity to meet your neighbors in a spirit of cooperation and shared interest.

Name: Mr. Ms. Mrs. _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____ Occupation/Interest: _____

Circle one: Homeowner - Renter - Business Property Owner - Associate Member (outside of North Central)

Do you want to be called prior to each meeting? **YES** **NO**

Basic Dues (\$10.00/year/voting member or \$20.00/household; \$25/business) Dues: _____

Donation: _____

Make check payable to **HANCSM**

Mail to: HANCSM, c/o King Center

725 Monte Diablo Ave., San Mateo, CA 94401

TOTAL: _____

Upcoming Events

33rd Annual Eggstravaganza

Central Park 9:00am - 1:30pm Saturday, April 3
 San Mateo's signature springtime community event is attended by hundreds of excited children and families eagerly searching for eggs in beautiful Central Park.

Events at the King Center

Jr. NBA Skills Challenge Friday, Jan 29, 6:30-8:00pm (for ages 8-13 years) Test all of your basketball skills in the challenge of a lifetime. You could go to the finals; don't miss out!

Friday Night Fun Program 6-9 pm

Ages 11 - 17 years

Trip to Aquarium of the Bay in San Francisco

Friday, February 12 - FREE

Oracle Arena Monster Jam Truck Race

Friday, February 27 - \$15.00

Jr. Warriors Basketball League - Grades 3-8

Saturdays, Feb. 27 - April 24 - \$35.00

The 2010 Junior Warriors League is here. We focus on providing players with the FUN-damentals of basketball on and off the court. Promoting sportsmanship & fun! A great opportunity for boys & girls.

Angela Miller

Community Services Supervisor

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Need H1N1 or Seasonal Flu Shot?

San Mateo County Medical Center is offering these injections free. Call the County Flu Hotline (650-573-3927) and a recorded message which will tell you when the time, date and location of the "flu clinics". H1N1 vaccine is now available to everyone. Persons between 2-49 yrs. can get a nasal spray. It doesn't matter if you have insurance or not, no questions asked, anyone can get the flu vaccine FREE.

PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, January 28, 2010
6:30 pm

Pre-application process for Cal Water Service to build a new District Office on present site. Presentation by John Kelterer

Update on Police, United Homeowners, What's Going on in San Mateo, Neighborhood Beautification, Recycling, Peninsula/101 Overpass, High Speed Rail and more.

New location: CAL Water Service Office
Poplar at Delaware

Enter off Poplar through north gate parking entrance. Meeting room at the south end of the property where Voting Polls are normally located.

Get involved, be involved.
Our neighborhood needs YOU.
 Light refreshments will be served.

VOTE on Proposed Parcel Tax Increase

San Mateo-Foster City Elementary School District will be sending out mail-in ballots the week of Jan. 25, 2010 with ballots **due by Feb. 23rd**. The elementary School District wants to extend an existing parcel tax another seven years and ALSO TO INCREASE this parcel tax to \$180/year from \$84/year. The District says they are already facing a \$3.5 million from state cuts and without renewal of the parcel tax, an additional \$10 million in cuts would need to be made. A 2/3 majority vote is needed to pass this .



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