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SUMMER 2013

REPORT FROM CITY HALL

2013 Fireworks - Safe and Sane



On behalf of your Mayor, City Councilmembers, and City staff, we hope you enjoy a safe 4th of July holiday. San Bruno is one of two cities in San Mateo County that authorize the sale and use of Safe and Sane fireworks. The revenue from the sale of Safe and Sane fireworks helps many community organizations provide a variety of programs that benefit the community, including youth sports programs, booster clubs, and non-profit groups. All of these organizations contribute to enhance the quality of life in San Bruno.

To ensure that all residents have the opportunity to have a safe and enjoyable holiday, the Police and Fire Departments will again be providing public education and outreach programs regarding the use of Safe and Sane fireworks. These efforts are necessary because past experience during the holiday has shown there continue to be unsafe practices and the use of illegal fireworks.

Your Police and Fire Departments have partnered with the community organizations and the Safe and Sane fireworks industry to provide a comprehensive public education program. Fire and Police personnel will provide this information to all our schools, service groups, and neighborhood associations to ensure that the safety issues are addressed.

The use of Safe and Sane fireworks is allowed from noon until 10 p.m. beginning on June 28 to July 3, and from noon until midnight on July 4. Safe and Sane fireworks are only allowed on private property and at least ten feet away from any residence, building, or structure. Fireworks are not allowed on public property such as streets, parks, schools, or private open areas such as parking lots or vacant property without the consent of the owner. Extra police patrols will be deployed throughout the City. Officers will be strictly enforcing regulations on the use of safe and sane fireworks. Anyone found using illegal fireworks within the City limits will be cited and fined up to \$1000.

All of our efforts are committed to making this an enjoyable holiday for the entire community. Please do your part to make sure this is a safe 4th of July for the San Bruno community. Questions regarding fireworks in San Bruno can be directed to the Police Department at (650) 616-7100.

Neil Telford, *Police Chief* Mark Ladas, *Fire Chief*

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PROPOSED BUDGET MAINTAINS EXISTING SERVICE LEVELS

BUDGET

The 2013-14 City Manager's Proposed Operating Budget is being reviewed by the City Council this month. This is the first time since the economic downturn beginning in 2007-08 that new reductions are not necessary to balance the budget. Still, with this improved fiscal picture, the City continues to face competing demands for limited resources. The 2013-14 Proposed General Fund budget is \$900,182 higher than the 2012-13 budget due to the rising cost to maintain the same level of services. The General Fund budget anticipates total revenues of \$34 million, with key City revenues such as sales tax and transient occupancy tax at all-time highs. Unfortunately, these increased revenues offset only some of the financial impact that the City experienced through the loss of Redevelopment in January 2012, rather than providing an opportunity for the City to make significant changes to programs and services.



While the City-wide furlough was eliminated in 2012-13, several prior year budget reductions remain in place, including reduced hours at the Library and reduced maintenance of parks and open space areas. The City Manager's Proposed Operating Budget recommends limited supplemental enhancements to the base operating budget to begin addressing some of these prior year reductions. Also included is the addition of one police officer focused on nuisance complaints in the City and the set-aside of funds to develop a plan for economic revitalization of the City's downtown.

The proposed operating budget includes not only the General Fund, but also the City's Enterprise Operations which include the Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, and Cable Enterprise Funds. The City's Capital Improvement Program Budget, which includes major equipment purchases, technology investment and infrastructure improvements, will be reviewed with the City Council in July.

The City Council will hold a public hearing and consider approval of the budget at the regular City Council Meeting on June 25th, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center, 1555 Crystal Springs Road.

City Begins Formation of Not-for-Profit to Benefit San Bruno Community

In March 2013 the City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign and file the Articles of Incorporation for establishment of the San Bruno Community Foundation. The Foundation will oversee the settlement funds negotiated with PG&E as restitution for the San Bruno Community following the explosion and fire of September 9, 2010. The settlement, which includes cash and five vacant lots owned by PG&E, recognized the intangible and long-term losses that the entire community experienced as a result of the disaster.

The San Bruno Community Foundation's purpose is to *"benefit the San Bruno community through enduring and significant contributions to, and investments in, charitable and publicly-owned community facilities and programs over the long term."* No final decisions have yet been made about the number and composition of the Foundation's governing board of directors.

Once the Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the Secretary of State, the City Council will begin the process of adopting bylaws and appointing the board of directors. Once established, The San Bruno Community Foundation will appoint officers, adopt various legal

documents, develop a staffing plan and other operational details, and schedule its regular meetings. At an appropriate time, the City will transfer the settlement funds to the Foundation. All of these important preliminary matters should be completed by the end of 2013. The Foundation will then begin the public process of receiving community input regarding funding projects and programs to benefit the San Bruno community.

The settlement funds are separate from the Trust Fund that was established by the City and PG&E shortly after the disaster to cover the City costs related to response, recovery and rebuilding. The Trust is funded by PG&E and is administered by an independent Trustee. The City is using the Trust funds to rebuild the Crestmoor neighborhood, including all-new water, sewer, and storm drain infrastructure throughout the neighborhood and improvements to streets and sidewalks. In addition, the damaged area of Crestmoor Canyon will be replanted and the park at Earl and Glenview will be reconstructed.

Residents interested in the San Bruno Community Foundation can send an email to communitynonprofit@sanbruno.ca.gov.

Planning for a Reliable Infrastructure

The City's water, sewer and storm drainage infrastructure system is over 100 years old in many areas of the City. Planning for the proper repair and replacement of these systems helps to prevent major service interruptions and property damage. In order to provide a roadmap for the necessary repair and replacement of these critical systems the City is preparing three master plans that will guide infrastructure improvements over the next 20 years. These Master Plan documents are important planning tools for the City to ensure a reliable infrastructure system

The Water System Master Plan, Sewer System Master Plan and Storm System Master Plan, will update original master plans that were prepared in 2000. Each plan update includes an assessment of the current infrastructure and addresses improvement projects needed over the next 20 years. These plans will be the basis for the City's Five Year Capital Improvement Program and Budget development.

The **Water System Master Plan** was reviewed recently in a study session and was approved by the City Council. The total estimated cost of the water improvement projects included in the Plan for the next five years is \$30 million. These planned projects include replacing water main lines, water tanks, pump stations and regulating stations. The

funding for these projects has already been included in current water rates. The Plan is available for public review on the City's website at http://www.sanbruno.ca.gov/pw_homepage.html.

The **Sewer System Master Plan** is in the final phase of development and will be presented for review and approval to the City Council in late Spring 2013. Projects included in the Plan for the next five years include sewer main rehabilitation and replacement and pump station improvements, with an estimated cost of \$22 million. The funding for these projects is included in current sewer rates. A draft copy of the plan will be available for public review on the City's website once it is completed.

A **Storm Water Master Plan** is being developed for review by the City Council in early Summer 2013. The Plan is being updated to address localized flooding issues and study the existing collection system and its performance. A proposed Capital Improvement Plan budget and a funding analysis will be prepared to guide the City on funding these necessary improvements. A draft copy of the plan will be available for public review once it is completed.

Farmer's Market Returns to San Mateo Avenue

The San Bruno Farmer's Market, sponsored by the San Bruno Chamber of Commerce, has returned to San Mateo Avenue from June 9 through November 24 this year. The market features locally grown fruits and vegetables, packaged foods and live music.

The market is open from 10 am to 2 pm on Sundays through November. On market days, no parking is allowed on the single block of San Mateo Avenue between Jenevein and Sylvan avenues between the hours of 7 am and 4pm to accommodate vendors and shoppers. Customers can utilize downtown street parking on other blocks, City parking lots, and parking lots at the Bank of America and Citibank. The market is moving back to this location from the Tanforan Shopping Center, where it was held last year.

A local farmer's market in downtown San Bruno provides many community benefits including



The market is open from 10 am to 2 pm on Sundays, June through November.

fostering community connections, encouraging healthy food choices and assisting to revitalize the downtown. It is anticipated that the event collectively will bring thousands of additional patrons to the downtown during its six months of operation.

The Chamber of Commerce is working with a new operator, The West Coast Farmer's Market Association to manage the Farmer's

Market. The WCFMA is a non-profit corporation dedicated to establishing and maintaining successful Certified Farmer's Markets around the Greater San Francisco Bay Area. The WCFMA is led by professional staff with considerable experience in this field of work and successfully operates six farmer's markets around the San Francisco Bay Area, representing six market days a week.

City Begins Preparations for Centennial Celebration

On December 23, 2014 the City of San Bruno will celebrate its first 100 years of incorporation and Centennial. The Centennial is an opportunity not only to recognize the community's history, but also celebrate the community's identity, its accomplishments and its future opportunities and potential. In anticipation of this event, the City Council has begun the process to develop the scope of the celebration as well as the process for engagement with residents, businesses and community stakeholders.



San Bruno 50th Anniversary Celebrations, 1964

At the May 28, 2013 City Council meeting, Council members outlined their vision for a celebration to take place throughout the year, with a number of events to commemorate the City's 100 year anniversary. Existing events such as the Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt, Operation Clean Sweep, Posy Parade and Tree Lighting might also be incorporated into the celebration.

If you have historical information or photographs to share, or

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Updates to Zoning Code Implement Council Vision

The City is in the process of updating its Zoning Code to recommend new land use and development policies for approval by the Planning Commission and City Council. The Zoning Code is the development tool used to implement the vision and goals outlined in the City's General Plan and two important Specific Plans: the Transit Corridors Plan and the Navy Site (Crossings) Specific Plan. The Zoning Code serves as the City's primary day-to-day planning guide. It outlines the types and locations of land use; specifies development standards such as height, setback, and landscaping; stipulates parking requirements; and describes the approval process for projects. The last comprehensive Zoning Code update occurred in 1983.

Recommended updates to the Zoning Code will consider the Transit Corridors Plan (TCP), will make minor changes to single-family residential zoning, and will address the City's sustainability goals. Updating this key document is a major step in fully implementing the San Bruno General Plan approved in 2009.

The TCP was adopted by the City Council in February 2013. The TCP includes a vision and development standards for the area generally located around the new Caltrain Station, bordered by San Bruno Avenue, El Camino Real, and San Mateo Avenue. The Zoning Code will take this vision to the next level by including detailed requirements for every project and outlining the public noticing and application process for development projects within the TCP area.

The proposed changes to the existing single-family residential zoning district are very limited. The vast majority of development standards will remain unchanged, but some re-wording will be recommended in order to make them easier to understand. Proposed changes include adding regulations for accessory structures (such as sheds and garages) and composting bins. Recommended updates to the Home-Based business section will be considered to provide more consistency with modern

business practices and help reduce impacts on neighbors. Code recommendations will establish standards for landscaping using more native, water-conserving plant species. Additionally, recommendations will limit development on very steeply sloped lots.

In the past, Zoning codes have not typically focused on environmental sustainability goals. However, as laws and policies have changed, more and more cities are incorporating sustainability goals into zoning codes. As part of the Zoning Code update, the City prepared a Sustainability Audit which provides a detailed analysis of how the updated Zoning Code might best implement the sustainability goals outlined in the 2009 General Plan. The results of this analysis will help guide the preparation of the Zoning Code. The Sustainability Audit is available online on the Community Development Department page of the City's website at www.sanbruno.ca.gov.

So far, the City Council and Planning Commission have held three study sessions to review specific topics within the Zoning Code, two on the Sustainability Audit and a third on the topics of historic preservation, home-based businesses and the Industrial Zoning District. Additional study sessions are expected in the coming months focusing on landscaping, urban food production, parking, permitting, and development standards within the Transit Corridors Plan area. Following these study sessions, the City's Planning Commission and City Council will review the Draft Zoning Code at their respective meetings and allow time for public comment. Updates on the process and draft documents are posted online at on the Community Development Department page of the City's website at www.sanbruno.ca.gov.

Have questions or want to get involved? Please call us at (650) 616-7074, visit our website at www.sanbruno.ca.gov, email us at planning@sanbruno.ca.gov or come by the Planning Division at City Hall.

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San Bruno Fire Department Welcomes New Firefighter-Paramedics

Chris Wettstein started in January as a lateral firefighter-paramedic joining San Bruno from North County Fire Authority. Tyler Charles and Brandon Colar have just completed the San Mateo County Fire Academy.

From left to right: Tyler Charles, Chris Wettstein, and Brandon Colar



Reading Is Soooooo Delicious!

The San Bruno Library Summer Reading Program is here! This year's theme is "**Reading is So Delicious!**" Signups start on the last day of school, June 14. Come to the library to register and receive a book bag, a reading log and a great start to a reading summer. Weekly prizes will be awarded beginning June 24th.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

- Sign up in the children's room anytime beginning June 14th.
- Fill out a name tag for the library bulletin board and get a weekly reading card.
- Read (or listen to stories) for at least 1.5 hours that week.
- Fill out the weekly reading card and have an adult sign it.
- Bring the signed card to the library for a prize and a chance to win an additional prize in the end-of-summer raffle.
- If you read more you can fill out additional cards each week for more raffle entries but you will only receive one prize per week.
- Repeat for as many of the six weeks as you can.

SUMMER PROGRAMS AT THE SAN BRUNO LIBRARY

- **Family Craft Night:** Wednesday, June 26, 6:30pm
- **Magical Moonshine Theater Puppet Show:** Monday, July 1, 7pm
- **Dan Chan the Magic Man:** Wednesday, July 10, 3pm
- **Pam Donkin's Musical Concert:** Wednesday, July 17, 3pm
- **Astronomy for Everyone, Size and Scale of the Universe:** Thursday, July 25, 7-8:30: Exciting indoor presentation followed by telescope viewing outside (*weather permitting*).
- **Steve Chaney & Cornelius Crow:** Wednesday, July 31, 3pm followed by free Ice Cream Social on the patio at 3:45pm

All programs are free and will be held in the downstairs Community Room. Doors close when we reach room capacity.

TEENS -- we have a great program for you too! If you're in grades 7-12, read a book, write a one-paragraph book review and enter to win the weekly prize of a \$25 gift card. A \$50 grand prize gift card is selected from all the entries at the end of the program.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

The City of San Bruno has several Citizen Advisory Commissions, Boards and Committees, whose volunteer members are San Bruno residents appointed by the City Council. Advisory bodies meet in the evening. Most meet once a month. Members serve four-year terms that expire in October of every even year, at which time they may seek re-appointment for another term.

CURRENT VACANCIES

Citizens Crime Prevention Committee

This committee works in conjunction with the San Bruno Police Department, promoting citizen awareness of crime prevention in an effort to foster goodwill and a safe community. Meets the 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m. in City Hall, Conference Room 113, contact Staff Liaisons Daryl McCoy at dmccoy@sanbruno.ca.gov with questions.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Committee members promote bicycle use and safety for commuting and recreation and also focus on pedestrian accessibility and safety in San Bruno. Meets every other month during odd months, on the 2nd Wednesday, at 6:15 p.m. in City Hall, Conference Room 101, contact Staff Liaison, Laura Russell at lrussell@sanbruno.ca.gov with questions.

Applications are available in the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, located at 567 El Camino Real. You may call (650) 616-7058 or email cityclerksoffice@sanbruno.ca.gov. We are also happy to send you one. Applications can be submitted at any time and are kept on file for two years. When vacancies occur, applicants will be contacted to confirm continued interest. See vacancy announcements on San Bruno Cable T.V. Channel 1.

Help Make San Bruno a More Beautiful Place!

The Beautification Task Force (BTF)

The Beautification Task Force is seeking new members to help expand the current membership and develop new programs to beautify the City of San Bruno. The BTF meets on the first Thursday of each month from 5:15pm – 6:15pm in the Sister City Conference Room 115 in City Hall. If you are interested in joining the group, or sitting in on a meeting, please send an email to ioconnell@sanbruno.ca.gov



Community Emergency Response Team Prepares Residents for the Unexpected

The San Bruno Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates residents about disaster preparedness and offers training in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, communications and disaster medical operations. Over the last two years, the CERT Program has trained nearly 100 residents with 45 participants currently enrolled in the program who will graduate this month. CERT is about readiness, rescuer safety, and helping one another. Using the training learned in the classroom and during



exercises, CERT members are prepared to assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following a disaster when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support emergency response agencies by taking a more active role in emergency preparedness projects in their community.

If a disaster happens that overwhelms local response capability, CERT members can apply the training learned in the classroom and during exercises to give critical support to their family and neighbors in the immediate area until help arrives. If you would like more information about CERT or to register for classes, please contact the San Bruno Fire Department at 616-7096 or visit <http://sanbrunocertspring2013.eventbrite.com/>

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Centennial Celebration *(see page 4)*

would like to be part of the Centennial Celebration Planning, please contact the City Manager's office at **650.616.7056**.



Ladies serving lunch at groundbreaking for the paving of El Camino Real, 1912



Green's Hall on San Mateo Avenue circa 1914

Frequently Called Numbers (Area Code 650)

Building Permits	616-7076
Business Taxes & Licenses	616-7083
Cable TV	616-3100
City Clerk	616-7058
City Council	616-7060
City Manager	616-7056
Code Enforcement	616-7074
Finance	616-7080
Fire - Business	616-7096
Graffiti Hotline	616-7141
Human Resources	616-7055
Library	616-7078
Recreation	616-7180
Parks	616-7195
Planning	616-7074
Police - Business	616-7100
Public Works/Corp. Yard	616-7160
Public Works/Engineering	616-7065
Senior Center	616-7150
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