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REPORT FROM CITY HALL

2014 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 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 that



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 of 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 the laws that prohibit the use of illegal fireworks in San Bruno. 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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Centennial Plans in Full Swing

On December 23, 2014, the City of San Bruno will turn 100. An entire year of programs and events is underway to bring the community together in celebration of our Centennial. Join us as we honor the City's past, celebrate its present, and set a course for its future. Whether you're a San Bruno native or a recent arrival, whether you come here to work or to play, all are welcome to be a part of our Centennial festivities. The City kicked off the Centennial in December 2013 at the annual Holiday Tree Lighting at City Park followed by a series of meetings with community members to solicit input on events and programs for the year-long celebration. The first event, an architectural walking tour, was held on April 16 and attended by 56 people. Attendees participated in a 1-mile round trip walk, which highlighted the diverse architectural home styles in the community and provided history and background for each. In May, the City celebrated 100 years in rail transportation at the dedication of the new grade separation and San Bruno Caltrain station. Upcoming programs include a Centennial scavenger hunt and a history walk in conjunction with the San Mateo County History Museum.

Two signature events to celebrate the San Bruno Centennial are the Community Day in the Park, and the Centennial Gala to be held at Skyline College. On Saturday, September 27, residents are invited to celebrate San Bruno's Centennial at the Community Day in City Park. The day will begin at 10:30 a.m. with remarks by the City Council showcasing San Bruno's first 100 years and its vision for the future. Following this brief ceremony, City Park will be transformed into a carnival with rides, inflatable bounce houses, games and a petting zoo. There will be food and beverages prepared by community organizations and food trucks featuring diverse cuisines. At the center of the action, a community stage will host

Upcoming Events

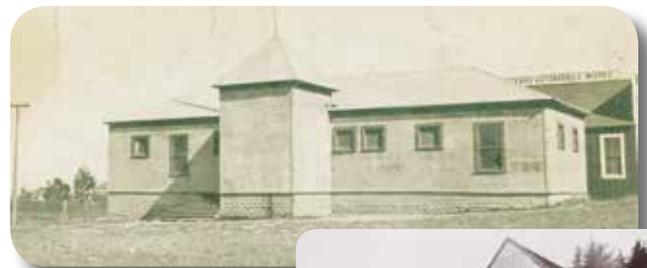
Centennial Scavenger Hunt	July 20, 2014
Historical Walking Tour	August 16, 2014
Community Day in the Park	September 27, 2014
Dedication of the Centennial Art Project	November 2014
Centennial Gala	December 6, 2014

entertainment from local organizations, San Bruno schools and local bands. The event will conclude at 4:00pm.

The City also invites residents to be part of the San Bruno Stories Project by participating in audio interviews sharing their memories of San Bruno. These interviews will become part of a digital archive available on the City's website. In concert with this project, the City is also seeking to borrow historic photographs from the community for inclusion in our digital collection. If you have photographs you are willing to loan, please contact us at centennial@sanbruno.ca.gov. There is still plenty of time to get involved, attend upcoming Centennial events, and share in the festivities.

For more about these initiatives or to view the full calendar visit the Centennial website at www.sanbruno100.org.

"Old Tin Schoolhouse", 1915. This two-room school became the site of the first San Bruno City Hall



Uncle Tom's Cabin 1902



First Grade Class, San Bruno Park School, ca. 1906

City Council Appoints San Bruno Community Foundation Board of Directors

Last Fall, the City Council took a major step forward in establishment of the San Bruno Community Foundation (SBCF) by appointing its inaugural Board of Directors. The SBCF is charged with determining the long-term use of restitution funds received by the City from PG&E following the devastating September 2010 explosion and fire. The SBCF'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."*

The City received applications from 82 people after an extensive outreach process, which included letters to every home in San Bruno, newspaper articles, notifications to service and business organizations and advertising in local media. Seven people were selected through an interview process to serve on the board. The San Bruno Community Foundation Board members are:

PAT BOHM is the Executive Director of the Daly City Peninsula Partnership Collaborative. She is a 22-year resident of San Bruno and has over 13 years experience on non-profit volunteer boards.

BEN COHN has a Ph.D. in organizational psychology. He is currently serving as District Representative in Assemblymember Kevin Mullin's office, after holding several consulting positions with local organizations. Ben is currently serving as SBCF Treasurer.

FRANK HEDLEY is the former San Bruno Police Chief and former City Manager. He is an active member of the San Bruno Rotary Club and currently serves on San Bruno's Sister City Committee.

NANCY KRAUS operates a public relations consulting business in San Bruno. She most recently assisted Sojourn to the Past, a nonprofit devoted to educating high school students about the civil rights movement, receive the nation's highest honor from the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities. Nancy was appointed to serve as the SBCF President.

JOHN MCGLOTHLIN is a non-profit finance and management consultant to the Peninsula Women's Chorus. He holds a master's degree in business

administration and previously enjoyed a long management career with the IRS. He resides in the Crestmoor neighborhood and is serving as the SBCF Vice President.

EMILY ROBERTS has a masters degree from University of California Berkeley in both public health and social welfare. She has an extensive background working with non-profit organizations that emphasize services to youth throughout the Bay Area. Emily was appointed to serve as the SBCF Secretary.

REGINA STANBACK STROUD received a doctorate in educational leadership from Mills College and is the President of Skyline College. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the United Way of the Bay Area. The Foundation will oversee the \$68,750,000 in settlement funds that the City negotiated from PG&E as restitution for the community following the explosion and fire of September 9, 2010. The settlement, which includes cash and five vacant lots previously owned by PG&E, recognizes the intangible and long-term losses that the entire community experienced as a result of the disaster. Working with the community, the Foundation will be responsible for determining the best use of the settlement funds.

Since being appointed, the volunteer Board has met on seven occasions culminating in completion of their application to the Internal Revenue Service for non-profit status. The Foundation Board continues to develop its internal procedures for investing the settlement funds and developing the selection process for hiring the executive director.

By undertaking these steps, the Foundation Board will have a strong basis from which to work when it commences its collaboration with the community. In the coming months, the Board will discuss the establishment of a public input process for members of the community to share their ideas and interests. It is likely that the Board will be forming advisory committees as part of its ongoing work. The San Bruno Community Foundation meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, Room 115. Information about the SBCF can be found on the City's website at www.sanbruno.ca.gov

New Caltrain Station and Grade Separation Dedicated

On Saturday, May 10, 2014 the City of San Bruno celebrated the completion of the new San Bruno Caltrain station and grade separation structure at the intersections of San Mateo Avenue, Huntington Avenue and San Bruno Avenue. Over a dozen years in the making, this project is the result of a cooperative and sustained partnership between the City of San Bruno, its residents, Caltrain, the San Mateo County Transportation Authority and the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board. This project signifies the completion of critical rail safety improvements and recognizes the importance of the location as the gateway to San Bruno and to downtown.

For the City of San Bruno, this celebration was not just about dedicating a beautiful new amenity in our community, it was also a key milestone in efforts toward revitalization of the downtown and realizing the vision for the future outlined in the City's Transit Corridors Plan. The major transportation connections created by the Caltrain and the BART stations establish a solid framework for future development and revitalization. This well-connected transit hub is now poised to become an essential element of a modern, transit-oriented development area adjacent to a vibrant downtown.

The Grade Separation is expected to assist in reducing traffic congestion to and from Highway 101 along San Bruno Avenue by eliminating the disruption to the flow of traffic resulting from trains passing through the community. Features include three pedestrian underpasses, elevators to provide access to the elevated tracks and pedestrian friendly streets and sidewalks. The relocated and redesigned Posy Park showcases a water feature and offers places to sit while enjoying the downtown or waiting for a train. A total of 201 parking spaces and a "Kiss and Ride" lot serve the public at the north side of the station. Through the introduction of the new station and grade separation, San Bruno also demonstrates its commitment as an advocate



First train running on the elevated tracks

for rail safety and as a leader in San Mateo County for the efficient operation of the rail system, including high speed rail.

The project inception occurred in 2002, when the City Council formed a Citizen Advisory Committee made up of San Bruno community and business representatives to work on the design of the project with the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board. Over a period of three years, the group met regularly and worked through the gamut of design issues. Construction began in November of 2010 and took a little over three years. The City of San Bruno would like to give special thanks to the nearby residents and businesses for their patience and understanding over the extended period of the Grade Separation's construction.

The City is confident this new Grade Separation and train station will deliver greater community safety and provide a strong foundation upon which the vision of the Transit Corridors Plan and Downtown revitalization will be realized.

Posy Park



Huntington Elevator and Station Pedestrian Undercrossing

HELP PREVENT BURGLARIES

The San Bruno Police Department is asking residents for assistance by reporting any suspicious activity they may observe. San Bruno, along with other cities in San Mateo County, has experienced a recent rise in the number of residential and vehicle burglaries. These crimes have not been specific to a particular neighborhood or area. While residents cannot always predict when a crime will occur, there are several ways to avoid being a victim.

Suspects generally choose a residence when no one is home. If you don't know the person who knocks on your door, answer through the door without opening it. Let the person know you are at home and ask what they want. If someone claims to be a utility or repair worker and you are unaware of a request for service, don't let them into your home and verify identification with the service they represent. Report any suspicious activity immediately to the police via 9-1-1.

Tips that can help you from being a victim of a burglary include:

- Lock doors and windows when you leave your home, even if you are leaving for a short time.
- All types of security measures help deter burglars. A dog, alarm systems, surveillance cameras, and lighting add more layers of security.
- Prepare a personal property inventory of jewelry and other valuable items, including serial numbers, descriptions and photographs.



- Park in well-lit areas and always lock your car.
- Don't leave packages or other valuable items in your car.

Alert neighbors are essential to crime prevention, and they assist police in identifying those responsible for criminal activity. If you see suspicious persons, crimes in progress, or anything that appears to be out of the ordinary in your neighborhood, call 9-1-1. Write down a description of what you observe. Police will ask you to provide a description of the person, including height, weight, age, gender, ethnicity, hair color, clothing, etc. You will also be asked for a description of the suspect's car including the color, year, make, model, and license plate number.

Looking out for your neighbors and working together with the Police Department can reduce crime in our community. The Police Department and the San Bruno Citizens Crime Prevention Committee can also help you organize a Neighborhood Watch group on your block. Please call the Police Department at 650-616-7100 for more details.

Water Conservation Tips for Residents

As the drought in California continues, it is important to do all that we can to reduce our water use and to manage our water resources effectively. The Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission have asked the public to reduce water use by 10%. While mandatory cutbacks may not be required this year, failing to continue conserving may make rationing necessary next year if dry conditions continue. Here are some important actions you can take to help conserve water:

OUTDOORS

- Adjust your irrigation systems by turning watering time down and turning your system off completely on cool or wet days.
- Water during early morning or late evening times or at night.
- Plant shrubs and flowers that take little or no water.
- Reduce the size your lawn when installing new landscaping.
- Consider planting California native drought tolerant plants.
- Water your lawn once a week and only at night.
- Use a broom to clean sidewalks, driveways and pavement instead of a hose.
- Wash your car sparingly and when you do, take it to an automated car wash. These facilities often use less water than washing at home and the runoff is filtered, treated and reused. If you must wash at home, use a spray nozzle that shuts off when not in use.
- Fix water leaks outside – Many silent leaks send water and money down the drain. Check for leaky irrigation systems. If you have an older irrigation system, over 50% of the outside water used can be lost to leaks. To check for hidden or unseen leaks, turn off all water taps inside and outside your home. If your water meter dial is moving, you may have a hidden leak.

INDOORS

- Fix water leaks inside - Studies have shown that leaking water in homes can waste more than 10% of the water used indoors. Replacing worn washers in your faucets will usually stop leaks.



- Toilets are the largest water users in your home. Replace your old toilet with a High Efficiency Toilet – new efficient toilet technology is proven and sound. These new toilets flush better and save 20% more water than a standard new toilet.
- Install a modern efficient showerhead and take shorter showers. Each minute you cut saves 2.5 gallons.
- Install a faucet aerator on your sink and turn off the tap when brushing teeth and shaving. Best estimates show that a typical four-person household can save more than 1,700 gallons of water per year by installing low-flow faucet aerators in both the kitchen and bathroom.
- The clothes washer is the second largest water user in your home. Replace an older, inefficient clothes washer with a new efficient model.
- Operate your clothes and dishwashers with full loads only, even if the machine has an adjustable load setting. Also choose a water saving setting on your washer if that is an option.
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For more information and to find out about available rebates for installation of water saving fixtures and appliances, call BAWSCA at **(650) 349-3000** or visit **www.sanbrunowater.ca.gov**

Organics Program Begins in San Bruno

Residents of San Bruno are now able to dispose of food scraps in their existing green waste bins through a new organics program rolled out by Recology San Bruno.

The Organics Program allows for food and soiled paper products to be disposed of with green yard waste. These materials are then processed together to produce high quality compost material that will be made available to residents free of charge. Almost all food types are acceptable including: meat, fish, bones, dairy products, fruits and vegetables. Acceptable paper products include paper plates, napkins, coffee filters and pizza boxes. The program was implemented throughout the city in January with every household receiving weekly pickup.

Residents have received a small kitchen pail from Recology San Bruno along with additional information about the new Organics Program. For those residents who do not currently utilize their existing 96-gallon yard waste bin, a smaller bin is available by contacting Recology San Bruno at **650-583-8536**.

The City of San Bruno has also implemented the



program in City facilities, both in employee areas and with other City programs such as the Senior Center lunch program, Recreation camps, and facility rentals.

To learn more about this exciting new program and about other ways you can reduce the amount of waste sent to the landfill, visit www.recologysanbruno.com.

Summer Concert Series & Movies in the Park

Join us this summer for the expanded Concert Series at the Rotary Pavilion in City Park. This year, bands will play every Friday night in August and September beginning at 6:00 pm. The concert lineup is as follows:

AUGUST 1	California Cowboys (Country)
AUGUST 8	Rebel Yell (80's & Today)
AUGUST 15	Livewire (Top 40's & Rock)
AUGUST 22	West Bay Rhythm (Motown)
AUGUST 29	Just for Kicks (Classic Rock)
SEPTEMBER 5	Steel Horse (Bon Jovi Cover)
SEPTEMBER 12	Campbell's Jazz Soup (Swing & Old Style Jazz)
SEPTEMBER 19	Lumberyard (Classic Rock)
SEPTEMBER 26	Double Funk Crunch (Party Band)

The annual Movies in the Park series will begin on Friday, September 5 following the concert. Families can just walk across the street near the tennis courts and enjoy a family movie. The City's Culture and Arts Commission is currently reviewing a list of movies and a final selection will be available on the City's website at the end of July and in the Community Services Fall Activity Guide in early August.

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