



# FOCUS

SUMMER 2016

REPORT FROM CITY HALL

## 2016 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 allow 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 working to make sure that all residents are well informed 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. Please keep in mind, Safe and Sane fireworks are devices that do not fly (have no aerial effects) or explode. Items that are classified



as Safe and Sane include sparklers, snaps, smoke balls, fountains, snakes, and, in some cases, wheels. Illegal items include firecrackers, rockets and, cakes. When using Safe and Sane fireworks, keep the following safety precautions in mind:

- Know your fireworks. Read the cautionary labels and performance descriptions before igniting.
- A responsible adult should be present at all times. Never give fireworks to children.
- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix.
- Wear safety glasses when igniting fireworks.
- Light only one firework at a time and then quickly move away.
- Use fireworks only outdoors in a clear area.
- Never relight a “dud” firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water.
- Always have a bucket of water and charged hose with nozzle near-by and dispose of fireworks by wetting them down and placing them in a metal trash can away from buildings and combustible materials.

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# City's Wastewater System Achieves Significant Milestone

Running under the City are 85 miles of sewer pipelines which transport wastewater from homes and business to the treatment facility co-owned by the Cities of San Bruno and South San Francisco. When these sewer pipelines become blocked by tree roots, debris or grease, or the pipeline collapses due to deterioration from age or damage, the contents can overflow from the underground system onto streets, parks and other open spaces. This condition is commonly known as a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO). In 2010, a year in which the City experienced 36 SSOs, the City entered into an agreement with the State Water Quality Control Board to resolve a violation enforcement action. The same year, the City entered into another agreement to settle a lawsuit brought against the City by San Francisco Baykeeper. These agreements required the City to take various corrective actions to reduce SSOs and the resulting impact to the community, environment and the San Francisco Bay.

Since then, the City has undertaken an aggressive program to improve operation of the wastewater system. Improvements in operations include the addition of critical cleaning equipment and the addition of a Computerized



Maintenance Management System which allows for the automated scheduling of maintenance and inspections. An early warning device was also installed at wastewater pump stations and at critical manholes to provide early detection of possible back-ups and notify maintenance staff before an overflow occurs. The recent deployment of a closed circuit television (CCTV) truck allows crews to see inside the main pipeline to better target repairs and

prioritize maintenance cycles. Utilizing CCTV over the past year, City crews were able to repair 102 defective locations before they failed resulting in a lower risk of SSOs and service interruptions.

Recent infrastructure improvements have also resulted in reducing the risk of SSOs. These projects include reconstruction of the Olympic Wastewater Pump Station and replacement of sewer main

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## Private Sewer Lateral Warranty Program

The City of San Bruno has endorsed a joint marketing effort with Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) to offer San Bruno property owners warranty coverage for the cost to repair private sewer laterals. SLWA recently mailed property owners information about this warranty program. If you are interested in the warranty program and would like to find out more information about the warranty, please call SLWA at **(855) 535-7141** or visit their website at **[www.slwofa.com](http://www.slwofa.com)**.

# Summer Programs for Youth

Are you looking for fun and safe activities for your children to enjoy during their school break this summer? Look no further than the programs offered by the City of San Bruno!

Children can join the San Bruno Library Summer Reading Program for ages 0 through 18 years. One of the Library's missions is to bridge the reading gap that occurs during the summer break. Studies show that children who do not read over the summer lose about two months' worth of literacy skills. The Library seeks to stop this "summer slide" by encouraging families to come to the Library, check out books, and interact. With the Summer Reading Program, children receive a free book, a prize when they finish, plus a chance to win a \$1,000 college scholarship!



Maybe you are looking for a traditional summer camp where your child can enjoy outdoor activities, work on arts and crafts, play games such as Capture the Flag, swim, go on field trips, and make new friends. Then Mini Kaleidoscope, Camp Kaleidoscope, and Adventure Camp are what you are looking for! These day camps run Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. The City also offers sports and swim camps where children can learn basketball, flag football, and baseball in the morning and then swim in the afternoon. Also available are camps focused on science, dance, art, computer animation, video games, Lego engineering, cooking, music, and more! Many camps offer both full and half day options.

For information on these programs, please contact the Community Services Department at **616-7180**. Financial assistance is available through the Youth Enhancement Scholarship Program.

## OUTDOOR PICNIC RENTALS IN CITY PARKS

Picnic areas can be reserved for family get-togethers, graduation parties, baby showers, and more at San Bruno City Park, Commodore Park, and Grundy Park. Now that summer is here, keep in mind these picnic areas book quickly. Many of the park picnic areas can accommodate up to 40 people. A few of the picnic areas accommodate 75 people and, the largest area, Beckner Shelter, can accommodate up to 200 people. All of the picnic areas have barbeques that are cleaned regularly. No personal barbeques are allowed in the parks to avoid fire danger and injury. Alcohol is not allowed in any San Bruno park unless it is in a rented picnic area and an alcohol permit is issued by the City.

As a courtesy to other neighbors and other park users, pets and amplified sound (e.g. music and speeches) are not allowed. Please visit the Recreation Center to book a reservation or call **616-7180** for more information.

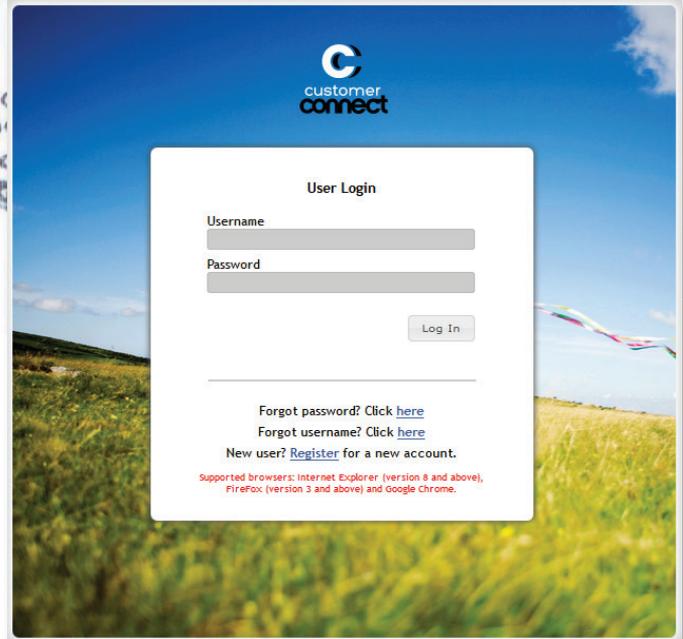


# Water Use Data at Your Fingertips

Remember last year, when workers came by your house and replaced your water meter? The new water meters collect water use data and send it to the internet, making it possible for you to easily access the information yourself! You can find out how much water your household uses monthly, daily, or even hourly, to better manage your water usage.

To access this information you will need your Water Service Account Number to set-up an online account. Go to <https://sbca-cc.flexnet.net/CC/Login.xml> and click on the word "Register" at the bottom of the screen. Complete the registration form by inputting your user name, email address, password, and security question.

Once you have registered, you can easily navigate through your household's water usage. If you have any questions regarding the water usage monitoring system, visit the City's website or call the Utility Billing Department at 616-7086.



ACCOUNT INFORMATION	
STATEMENT DATE	7/29/2015
ACCOUNT NUMBER	999999
SERVICE ADDRESS	123 Casa San Bruno Dr.
SERVICE PERIOD	5/19/2015 to 7/18/2015
ACCOUNT ACTIVITY	
Prior Balance	451.66
Payments	451.66CR
Adjustments	0.00
Deposits Applied	0.00
Balance Forward	0.00
CURRENT CHARGES	
Water Service Fee	38.98
Water Consumption Tier 1	67.00
Water Consumption Tier 2	80.40
Water Consumption Tier 3	32.16
Sewer Service Fee	49.42
Sewer Usage (Monthly Sewer Avg 10)	184.60
Recology San Bruno	56.38
<b>ACCOUNT BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 508.94</b>

## San Bruno Police Department Bicycle Patrol

The San Bruno Police Department is reinstating its Bicycle Patrol Unit. Through Bicycle Patrol, Police Officers are able to increase their visibility in congested areas and respond more strategically to crimes in progress. Patrol bicycles are used for regular patrol, traffic enforcement, parking control, and special events. Each Bicycle Patrol Officer is equipped with the same patrol duty belt carried by Officers in patrol vehicles. Bicycles are clearly marked and equipped with a steady or flashing blue warning light visible from the front, sides, and rear of the bicycle. Officers operate the bicycle in compliance with the vehicle code unless they are engaged in a rescue operation, responding to an emergency call, or are in the immediate pursuit of a suspected violator of the law. Bicycle Patrol offers Police Officers an additional public safety tool and allows Police Officers to easily interact and engage with the public. Look for Police Officers on Bicycle Patrol this summer in our parks and downtown.

# How You Might be Impacted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency Initiative to Update Flood Zone Maps

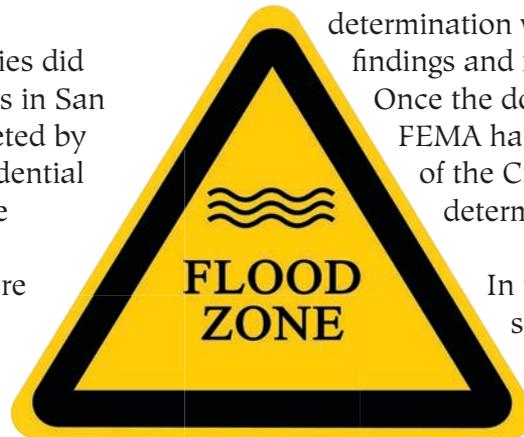
In early 2015, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) commenced an initiative to analyze coastal flooding hazards nation-wide and update flood maps. The study of coastal hazards includes the California Coastal Analysis and Mapping Project for the San Francisco Bay. The results of the study will be used by FEMA to identify wave-induced flood risks for coastal communities and to develop detailed flood hazard maps. FEMA reports it is undertaking this effort due to population increases and development density in coastal areas, advances in data collection, and Federal policy changes, as well as outdated data and methodologies dating back to the mid 1970's.

Although FEMA's previous studies did not show any flood hazard areas in San Bruno, the new analysis completed by FEMA identified numerous residential properties within the City's Belle Air neighborhood as potentially subject to coastal flooding. There are financial impacts to private property owners whose property is mapped into the flood zone. By Federal Law,

any property owner with a federally regulated or insured mortgage loan is required to purchase flood insurance for any property within FEMA flood hazard zones.

The City is working with a firm that has technical expertise in coastal engineering, the coastal hazards study, and with FEMA. The objective of the City's effort is to evaluate and confirm the impacts and extent of the FEMA flood hazard area. The draft analysis completed by the City's technical expert concludes the flooding area is significantly smaller than FEMA's findings. The City is currently preparing to submit the analysis and findings for FEMA's review. Ultimately, FEMA makes the final determination whether it will accept the City's findings and revise their new flood zone maps.

Once the documents are submitted by the City, FEMA has 90 days to complete its review of the City's submission and render a final determination.



In the near future, the City will schedule a meeting to answer questions related to the FEMA flood hazard zone maps and flood insurance requirements.

## 2016 Fireworks - Safe and Sane *(continued from page 1)*

- Never carry fireworks in your pocket.
- Immediately report illegal explosives and flying fireworks such as M-80s and bottle rockets to the Police Department by calling 9-1-1.

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

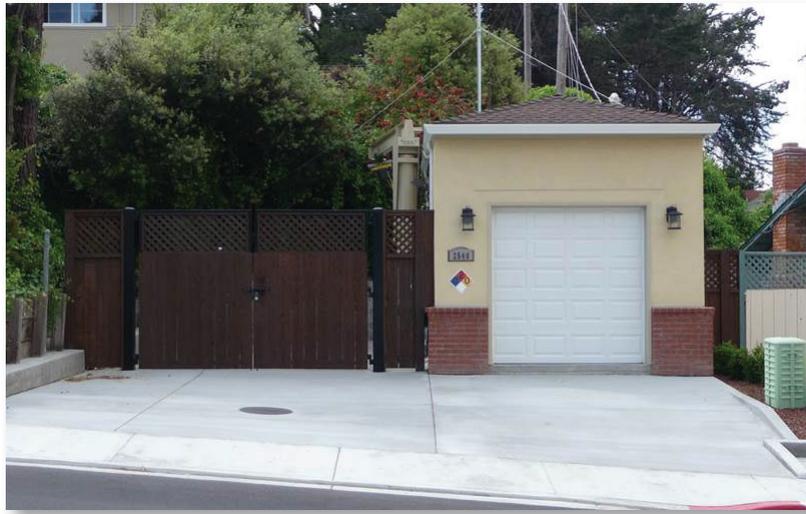
the owner. Extra police patrols will be deployed throughout the City. Officers will be strictly enforcing the laws that prohibit the use of illegal fireworks in San Bruno. **Anyone found using illegal fireworks within the City limits will be cited and fined up to \$1,000.**

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**.

## City's Wastewater System *(continued from page 2)*

pipelines at Kains and San Mateo Avenues to correct critical capacity deficiencies and improve the overall reliability of the wastewater system.

All costs for operation maintenance and improvements to the City's wastewater collection system infrastructure comes from rates paid by the City's residential and business customers. The City's investment of wastewater revenues in improvements to necessary equipment, technology and, system infrastructure has resulted in a significant decrease in SSOs and in improved safety and efficiency of the system operations. Decreasing SSOs in turn protects the City and rate payers from the high cost



of penalty fines and litigation that can result from violation of the State and Federal clean water regulations.

Between 2010 and 2016, the frequency of SSOs has dramatically decreased. In fact, there have been no SSOs so far for calendar year 2016, an important milestone in the City's management of the wastewater system. The City continues to monitor and maintain the wastewater infrastructure to ensure quality service now and into the future.

## Summer Concert Series and Movies in the Park

Join family, friends, and neighbors for Concerts in the Park at the Rotary Pavilion in San Bruno City Park every Friday night in August and September beginning at 6:00 p.m. The live concert lineup is as follows:

August 5	Rebel Yell (80's and Today)	September 2	Dave Crimmen (Rock)
August 12	Just for Kicks (Classic Rock)	September 9	SONA (Classic Rock)
August 19	West Bay Rhythm (R&B)	September 16	Refugees Rock (Rock)
August 26	Fil Lorenze (Jazz)	September 23	Mixed Nuts (40's-Today)
		September 30	Lumberyard (Classic Rock)

The annual Movies in the Park Series will begin on Friday, September 2 immediately following the concert. Movies will be shown at City Park near the tennis courts. The City's Culture and Arts Commission will announce the final selection of movies on the City's website at the end of July. Visit [www.sanbruno.ca.gov](http://www.sanbruno.ca.gov) to see the list!



## Information at Your Fingertips – San Bruno’s New Website

The City’s website, [www.sanbruno.ca.gov](http://www.sanbruno.ca.gov), has a new look! The new website launched in October 2015 and is completely redesigned, with refreshed content, and easy to access City services online. Some new features include a convenient online tool to report graffiti, public tree issues, potholes, streetlight or traffic signal issues and outages, road hazards, and more. Once you report the issue, you will automatically receive updates regarding its progress. Look for the ‘Report an Issue’ icon on the homepage or find it under the “How Do I” tab.

A customized website feature called ‘My San Bruno’ (MySB) portal allows you to create an account and customize your City website experience with items that you are most

interested in. You can set up news streams and notifications, select your favorite pages, receive notification when there are changes and, choose one-of-a-kind “charms” for the departments or services that you frequent.

Other helpful information on the website includes a link to Geographic Information System (GIS) data which includes detailed address, property and parcel information, street sweeping information, and other map data. Residents can also post or view upcoming garage sales in San Bruno on the interactive online GIS portal.

Please go to [www.sanbruno.ca.gov](http://www.sanbruno.ca.gov) to check out the City’s new website!

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We welcome your comments.  
Please call **(650) 616-7056**.

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## BE WHERE THE ACTION IS...GET INVOLVED!

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. Members meet in the evening, once a month or less, serving staggered four-year terms that expire in October of every even year, at which time they may seek re-appointment for another term.

Applications are available in the City Clerk's Office in City Hall, located at 567 El Camino Real, by calling (650) 616-7058 or by email at [cityclerksoffice@sanbruno.ca.gov](mailto:cityclerksoffice@sanbruno.ca.gov). You may apply any time to be considered for an advisory board: the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Citizens Crime Prevention Committee, Community Preparedness Committee, Culture & Arts Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Personnel Board, Planning Commission, or the Traffic Safety & Parking Committee. Applications are kept on file for two years. When vacancies occur, applicants are contacted and invited to attend brief informal interviews with the Mayor and City Council.

#### *We currently have a vacancy on the following:*

**Traffic Safety & Parking Committee.** Contact Staff Liaison David Wong at [dwong@sanbruno.ca.gov](mailto:dwong@sanbruno.ca.gov) for additional information.

**Citizens Crime Prevention Committee.** Contact Staff Liaison Support Services Officer Sherry Campbell at [scampbell@sanbruno.ca.gov](mailto:scampbell@sanbruno.ca.gov) for additional information.

### Frequently Called Numbers (Area Code 650)

Building Permits	616-7074
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	616-7180
Planning	616-7074
Police - Business	616-7100
Public Services/Corp. Yard	616-7160
Public Services/Engineering	616-7065
Senior Center	616-7150
Streets	616-7161
Utility Billing	616-7086
EMERGENCY	9 1 1