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2017 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 4th of July Holiday has shown there continues 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.

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COMBATTING RESIDENTIAL BURGLARIES

The San Bruno Police Department has increased patrols and use of other investigative techniques to prevent and solve burglaries throughout the City. Law enforcement agencies in all communities continually strive to combat criminal activity. While there is no simple or sure solution to the problem of residential burglaries, it is possible to make a burglar's entry in your home more difficult, and in some cases, to discourage the burglar altogether.

immediately if your keys are lost or stolen. Do not leave "hidden" keys on the exterior of your home. Audible alarm systems and video surveillance systems are very helpful, as are dual pane windows and sliding glass doors. Replace vulnerable exterior doors with heavier more solid doors and frames. If you leave your car parked outside, ensure all doors are locked and remove all valuables.

- **WHEN TRAVELING** out-of-

share your out-of-town plans.

- **NOTIFY THE CITY** of San Bruno of any non-working street lights to ensure they are repaired by contacting the Public Services Department at 616-7065.
- **IMMEDIATELY REPORT** unpermitted solicitors, suspicious persons, or suspicious vehicles in your neighborhood to the San Bruno Police Department by dialing 9-1-1. If you see something, say something!

- If someone you do not know knocks on your front door, **DO NOT OPEN IT**, but do acknowledge that you are home. Do not keep quiet. A burglar may think you are away and attempt to break into your home.

- **DEVELOP A RAPPORT** with your neighbors. Ask them to watch your home when you are out-of-town. Neighbors provide some of the best protection when they look out for one another. Start a neighborhood watch group on your block by calling the San Bruno Police Department at **616-7100**.

- No one knows your neighborhood better than you and your neighbors. If you see something that looks out of place, dial 9-1-1. If you return home and believe your home has been entered by a burglar, do not go inside. **Dial 9-1-1** from your cellular telephone or from the home of a neighbor.



Provided are helpful tips for protecting your family and home:

- **LOCK ALL DOORS** and windows before leaving. Always ensure your garage door is closed when the garage is unattended. Padlock all gates providing access to the rear yard of your home and install deadbolt locks on all exterior doors. Change locks

town, request the San Bruno Police Department conduct regular checks of your home by calling **616-7100** or by visiting the City's website at **www.sanbruno.ca.gov** under the Government, Police, Online Services tab. Request the US Postal Service and newspaper provider hold deliveries while you are away. Use discretion with whom you

San Bruno Adopts New Rules for Accessory Dwelling Units



In response to a new state law which relaxed Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) requirements for parking, unit size, garage conversions, and development standards, the City Council recently adopted an ordinance establishing new ADU rules. The newly adopted City ordinance applies stricter standards for ADUs than the state standards regarding location, size, development standards, and parking to the extent permitted by state law.

ADUs are defined as a unit with complete independent living facilities, including kitchen and bathroom facilities which provide housing for one or more persons on the same parcel as a legal single family residence. It may be attached to the existing dwelling unit, located within the existing space of the existing dwelling, or detached from the existing dwelling and located on the same lot.

Below are highlights of San Bruno's adopted local rules for ADUs:

- Permitted in residential zones on lots with one single-family dwelling.
- Not permitted in the 70 decibel noise contour for San Francisco International Airport.
- Limited to a maximum size of 640 square feet and one bedroom.
- Must adhere to the City's setback, lot coverage, and floor area ratio requirements.
- Not be permitted if a conditional use permit would be required.
- Replacement parking as a result of a garage

conversion must be covered, located adjacent to the driveway or in the side yard, but not tandem.

- State law mandates that no additional parking is required if the unit is located within:
 - 1) one-half mile of a public transit stop;
 - 2) an historic district;
 - 3) part of the existing residence or accessory structure;
 - 4) one block of a car-share vehicle;
 - or 5) on-street parking permits are required but not offered to the ADU occupant.
- Fire sprinklers are not required if not required in the primary residence.
- Separate utility connections or fees are not required for units within existing structures.
- New utility connections and fees may be required for attached or detached units.

The ADU application must be approved by the City within 120 days of receipt of an application if it conforms to the City's applicable code requirements. The City will post information about approved ADUs, including the location, size, and type on the Community Development Department section of the City's website at www.sanbruno.ca.gov. The website also includes a description of the new state law and key requirements for approval of ADUs, as stipulated by the City's adopted local ordinance.

More information regarding Accessory Dwelling Units is available by contacting the Community Development Department at **616-7074**.

PARKING SAFETY



Recently, the San Bruno Police Department has received an increasing number of questions and concerns regarding parking safety. The information below provides important tips on safe and legal parking.

PARKING BLOCKING SIDEWALKS

Parking a vehicle in a way that obstructs any portion of a sidewalk is illegal and presents a significant pedestrian safety concern. This is especially true for pedestrians with strollers or people with disabilities. Blocked sidewalks force people down sloped driveways or even into the roadway where traveling vehicles present a serious safety risk.

PARKING ALONG CORNERS

Parking on or even too close to corners can be dangerous by blocking a driver's ability to see approaching vehicles. Additionally, parking on a corner can obstruct or prevent pedestrian access to the crosswalk. It is illegal to park a vehicle within an intersection, which includes parking on a corner or in any manner which causes the passenger-side wheels to be more than 18 inches from the curb. It is always illegal to park blocking a sidewalk ramp or in any portion of a crosswalk.

PARKING FACING THE WRONG DIRECTION

While this is a common practice in many areas of the City, it is illegal and often unsafe to park

facing oncoming traffic. The California Vehicle Code requires a vehicle be parked with the passenger-side wheels within 18 inches of the curb. When you leave the curb and pull your vehicle out into traffic, you will be seated on the curb side of the vehicle rather than the street side. This can limit your ability to see approaching vehicles which could result in an otherwise preventable collision.

CROSSWALKS

Did you know that a crosswalk does not have to be painted or marked for it to meet the legal definition of a crosswalk? If two streets meet at approximately right angles, then the opposite corners form legal crosswalks, whether or not they are painted or marked. Therefore, parking in a manner that obstructs a crosswalk, whether it is painted or not, is illegal.

FIRE HYDRANTS

It is always illegal to park within 15 feet of any fire hydrant, whether or not there is an accompanying red curb. Access to fire hydrants is extremely important for public safety and parking in a manner that blocks access is always illegal. Again, no red curb is required.

If you have any questions concerning parking regulations, please contact the San Bruno Police Department's Traffic Division at **616-7128**.

Building Codes, Permits, and Enforcement

The City's Community Development Department, Building Division works in partnership with the community to promote and maintain a safe and desirable living and working environment. If you are planning to improve your property, you may need a Building Permit. Any change to the structural, electrical, plumbing, or mechanical configuration of any part of a home or building requires a permit. Installing certain appliances or equipment, such as a water heater, also requires a permit.

Q Why does the City have Building Codes?

A Building codes are sets of regulations approved by the State of California and the City of San Bruno governing the design, construction, alteration, and maintenance of a structure. The Building Codes specify the minimum requirements to adequately safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of building occupants.

Q What are the benefits of Building Permits?

A Securing a Building Permit ensures:

1. Inspection by a subject matter expert to verify the work performed to a structure such as a home, office, or other commercial or industrial space adequately safeguards the health, safety, and welfare of building occupants.
2. Reducing the potential spread of fire or visual disrepair to ensure the economic well-being of the community.
3. Conformance with minimum standards for conservation of energy and water use efficiencies.
4. Protection for future owners by verifying the structure they purchase meets minimum requirements to adequately safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of building occupants.

Q How do I obtain a Building Permit?

A The Community Development Department maintains pamphlets and brochures explaining, in detail, how to obtain permits and how to design and construct a safe structure. Please visit the City's website at the www.sanbruno.ca.gov, Government, Community Development tab or call **616-7074**.

Q How do I report a violation?

A Suspected illegal construction may be reported on the City's Reporting Hotline at **616-7013** or on the City's website at www.sanbruno.ca.gov/howdoi/report/code_enforcement_complaints.htm.



SAN MATEO AVENUE STREETSCAPE PLAN

With the adoption of the Transit Corridors Plan (TCP) in February 2013, the City of San Bruno took an important bold step toward redefining its future into the 21st Century. The TCP outlines a series of actions necessary to successfully guide development over the next 20 years along principal commercial streets within about a half mile of the San Bruno Caltrain Station. The TCP envisions revitalization and transformation of the area with exciting architecture, new housing, shops and offices, and an attractive and safe environment for pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and automobiles.

One of the key implementation measures of the TCP is to guide future improvements within the planning area's key street corridors as well as within the area's public open spaces, such as pocket parks and plazas, with a unifying and very attractive Streetscape Plan. The Streetscape Plan will address street improvements, including type of pavement and surface finishes, street furnishings, pavement graphics, landscaping, as well as how to improve public open space areas with the planning area.

Initially, the Streetscape Plan will focus on the area from San Bruno Avenue at the north to El Camino Real to the south along San Mateo Avenue.

The Streetscape Plan will incorporate both Posy Park located adjacent to the Caltrain Station and Centennial Plaza, located at the southern end of San Mateo Avenue, into the overall use and appearance of San Mateo Avenue. These spaces are currently underutilized but represent major opportunities to provide active community gathering spaces within downtown.

The City anticipates commencing this planning process in fall 2017. The City will host community meetings for residents and business owners to gather public input, ensuring the final plan reflects the needs and vision of the entire San Bruno community. More information will be available soon on the City's website at www.sanbruno.ca.gov.

New Website Feature!

SAN BRUNO GARAGE SALES!

The City of San Bruno website hosts a feature to help San Bruno residents promote upcoming Garage Sales throughout the community.



Now with only a few clicks, your Garage Sale is viewable to anyone visiting the City's website! This service is being offered to residents to reduce the number of Garage Sale signs posted throughout the City and to assist residents in selling items that might otherwise find their way into landfills. The service is free and easy to use by going to www.sanbruno.ca.gov/community/garagesales.htm.

From there click on "Click Here to Create or View San Bruno Garage Sale Listings." To create your Garage Sale listing, click on the "Create Garage Sale" icon and fill out the easy-to-complete form. There are drop down categories to easily let others know the type of items available for sale. To view current Garage Sales, simply look on the map for the blue circles indicating a Garage Sale location. Click on the circle for more details. You can also view a complete list of current Garage Sales by clicking the "**Create Garage Sale Report**" icon.

Be Involved in Shaping San Bruno's Future.....

Volunteer for a Commission, Committee or Board

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. The advisory bodies meet in the evening, once a month or less. Members serve staggered four-year terms that expire in October of every even year. Incumbents may seek re-appointment for additional terms.

Applications are available in the City Clerk's Office in City Hall,

located at 567 El Camino Real, by calling 616-7058, or by email at cityclerksoffice@sanbruno.ca.gov.

You may apply any time to be considered for one of the following City advisory bodies: the Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Citizens Crime Prevention Committee, Community Preparedness Committee, Culture & Arts Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Personnel Board, Planning Commission, or Traffic

Safety & Parking Committee.

Applications are kept on file for two years. When vacancies occur, applicants are invited to a brief informal interview with the City Council. The City currently has a vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Commission for the Youth Representative. Contact Staff Liaison Kerry Burns at **616-7181** or kburns@sanbruno.ca.gov for additional information on the current vacancy.

Summertime Fun, Learning, and Literacy - Participate in the San Bruno Public Library's Summer Reading Program

Your San Bruno Public Library has a busy Summer Reading program planned. Reading during the summer is very important for children to prevent the "summer slide." Studies show that children who do not read regularly during the summer school recess lose as much as two months of literacy skills. Through the Summer Reading Program, children are asked to read a minimum of 15 minutes per day for 30 days. Summer Reading finishers receive a free book and are entered to win the \$1,000 college scholarship Grand Prize. In addition to the Grand Prize, children who visit the San Bruno Public Library each week during the Summer Reading Program are entered for a weekly raffle. Raffle prizes include tickets to the Chabot Space and Science Center, The Tech Museum, and Bay Area Discovery Museum. In addition to providing the winners with an educational opportunity, these raffle drawings are meant to encourage children to visit the San Bruno Public Library at least once per week during the summer months.

Additionally, the San Bruno Public Library will again work closely this summer with the Community Services Department, Recreation Division to bring literacy-based educational programming to recreational summer camps. This will include field trips to the San Bruno Public Library to provide Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programming for older campers as well as storytimes at City Park for younger campers.

Throughout the Summer, the San Bruno Public Library will host at least two special events weekly. These programs will range from learning about astronomy to painting to puppet art theater. These events will be both entertaining and educational. The Summer Reading Program will once again have a separate teen program. Teens will receive a free book for signing-up. Teens will be asked to read a minimum of five books. Upon completion of the program, Teens will receive a \$5 gift card as well as a raffle ticket for the \$1,000 college scholarship.

Last year the San Bruno Public Library, along with all other Peninsula Library System libraries, piloted an Adult Summer Reading Program. We will once again conduct a summer reading program for adults. While any adult can participate in this program, priority will be given to parents of children who have signed up for the Children's Summer Reading Program. Studies have shown that children read more when they see their parents reading regularly. The Adult Summer Reading Program encourages parents to read often, which in turn encourages their children to read often. Adults are required to read a minimum of five books over the Summer to qualify for the grand prize of a \$100 gift card.

Summer Reading will culminate with a science fair and ice cream social at the San Bruno Public Library on Wednesday, July 26, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. All ages are welcome to this very special educational and fun event.

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

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2017 FIREWORKS - SAFE AND SANE

Frequently Called Numbers (Area Code 650)

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

The use of Safe and Sane fireworks is allowed from 12:00 Noon until 9:00 p.m. beginning Wednesday, June 28 through Monday, July 3, and from 12:00 Noon until 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4. Safe and Sane fireworks are only allowed on private property and at least 10 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**.

Building Inspections	616-7076
Building Permits	616-7074
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City Manager	616-7056
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