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Going Electric

The San Mateo Climate Action Team is a group united in their concern for the on-going climate crisis. They will be speaking to our members at our July 19th Zoom meeting to share details about converting your home appliances from gas to electric. Some of our former BHNA Board members have done so and asked that we host this group to share conversion information. Per their website, "The San Mateo Climate Action Team formed in December 2021. We support the boldest possible climate action in the City of San Mateo." The group has called upon our City Council to adopt their draft objective which establishes policies to decarbonize existing buildings to eliminate methane gas by 2030. Learn more at the meeting!

We also hope to have our new Area Lieutenant, Anthony Riccardi, join us for the second half of our meeting to update us on crime stats and recent crime in our area

ZOOM LINK for July 19th meeting at 7:30 p.m.:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87032911140?pwd=nBCEkXo0ZvH504KYgBVit50YbkA0a.1>

Meeting ID: 870 3291 1140, Passcode: 010620

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Note: There will be no BHNA meeting in August.

**July 9th Coffee & Donuts
at Beresford Park
from 9:30 to 11 AM**

**JULY 19th Member Mtg.
via Zoom
at 7:30 PM**

National Neighborhood Night Out is Coming - August 2nd!

Many blocks celebrate this annual event together with a street potluck! Register your event and the fire and police departments will endeavor to show up, which is always a crowd pleaser. For more info: www.cityofsanmateo.org/1781/National-Night-Out

Take a Bite Out of Crime Don't forget, if you have security cameras outside your home, please register them with the San Mateo Police Department at <https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/2726/Security-Camera-Registration> or Internet search *San Mateo Police Department security camera registration*. That way, when a crime happens in your neighborhood, the police know which residents may have helpful video! Does your street have a Neighborhood Watch? It's a simple thing to do and the benefit is that you get to know your neighbors. Learn more at <https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/675/Neighborhood-Watch-Program>.

We're in What District?

Most BHNA members know San Mateo and surrounding cities began going to district elections recently. While it was on the books to do so, it wasn't being enforced, and some could say there were pluses and minuses to doing so for a city our size. "What if no one wants to run in a certain district?" "What if someone moves to a district merely to run there?" "What if only one terrible person runs?" But there was money to be made merely by making the rounds to every city out of compliance and 'encouraging' them to get with the districting program.

In the end, San Mateo hurriedly (but carefully!) created five districts. The BHNA neighborhoods fall in **District 5** (with the exception of a couple of blocks just south of Hwy. 92 between Alameda and El Camino). In May, Sue Lempert reported in the Daily Journal that we currently have a solid candidate for our district, Rod Linhares. "Linhares is the President of San Mateo Rotary and serves on the city's library board." Rod has lived in District 5 for 20 years, and just last week completed his term as Rotary president. Others desiring to run against him will have until the August deadline to file.

Two other districts will also hold elections this November. District 1 consists of everything north of our district and west of El Camino. District 1 also has a viable candidate in Lisa Diaz Nash, who serves with Rod Linhares on the library board. Nash had her campaign kick-off on June 12th and is currently running unopposed.

District 3 is the slice between El Camino and Hwy. 101, running from the Central neighborhood all the way down to San Mateo's south border. Some names have been thrown around, but so far no one has filed to run in this district.

For a complete map of all 5 districts, go to <https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/DocumentCenter/View/86447/District-Elections-Map---Final> or Internet search 'City of San Mateo Districts.' Districts 2 and 4 will have their own elections in 2024.

July 9th BHNA Coffee & Donuts in the Park

We're doing it again! Members are invited to our 2nd Coffee in the Park on Saturday, July 9th, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. We will again be located on the south side of Beresford Park, between 28th Avenue and the tennis courts. This is a wonderful opportunity to talk in person. We know a few of you have been asking for an in-person meeting and we hope this will happen for us in September. (The Recreation Center was unable to give us meeting space for our July meeting. No meeting in August.) Bring the kids/grandkids! We'll have a few chairs for those who want to relax a bit longer, so come on by and enjoy the morning with us.

Welcome New Board Member! Members who attended our June meeting voted in Michael Ragan as the newest addition to our BHNA Board. Michael is a longtime resident and has served our neighborhoods in recent years by heading up our Traffic Action Plan from start to finish. He has continuously been a vocal advocate for residents and remains involved by staying apprised of city doings. Welcome aboard, Michael!

Will You Have to Go All Electric?

In May we reported that San Mateo's Sustainability & Infrastructure Commissioner Adam Lorraine was spearheading an effort for the City to end gas use not just for new buildings, but for current homes, too. This effort would go beyond what state law requires, and the downside, as we noted, is the exorbitant cost involved. For example, the costs to make this transition for a 1,400 sq. ft. home could be at least \$17,500.

There are state rebates, but they can be unreliable. For instance, the pool of rebate funds set aside for homeowners who convert a gas furnace to an electric heating system have already expired, just a few months after they were made available. A replenishment date is yet unknown.

On the flipside, the costs of converting an existing home from gas to electric appliances could make economic sense for those homes with large gas bills. This could help ensure rebates are available for those who would most benefit from the gas to electric conversion and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Let your thoughts be heard on the ban of in the use of gas appliances in existing homes. The Sustainability and Infrastructure Commission will be discussing the gas ban on July 13th at their 7pm meeting. Contact them at SandlCommission@cityofsanmateo.org

From there, City Council will hold a study session open to the public in August to discuss the gas ban for existing homes. The date has not been set, but you may contact the Council at citycouncil@cityofsanmateo.org or by calling (650) 522-7049.

Central Park Music Series Dance away the night every Thursday through August 11th from 6 pm to 8 pm at Central Park as they continue their popular music series. Check out musical genres in advance at <https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/1367/Central-Park-Music-Series>.

The following information is brought to you by the City of San Mateo Age-Friendly Task Force, highlighting the many valuable services offered to seniors by various organizations and agencies in San Mateo:

Homebound Senior Services For homebound seniors who need help buying groceries, the City of San Mateo operates SASH, Shopping Assistance for Seniors who are Homebound. Call (650) 522-7494 for more information on this great program. Meals on Wheels is a program operated by the County of San Mateo to deliver meals to those who are unable to cook for themselves. There is currently a waitlist, but you can learn more by calling (650) 323-2022 or at <https://www.penvol.org/mealsonwheels/>.

Lunch for Seniors

San Mateo residents over 60 can lunch with friends at the Senior Center at 2645 Alameda de las Pulgas. Hot lunches are offered on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for \$6, and income-based assistance is available for those who need it. "Grab and Go" meals are also available when Covid restrictions are in place. Reservations are required, so please call (650) 522-7490. Check out the menus posted at <https://www.cityofsanmateo.org/639/Bay-Tree-Bistro>. The King Center at 725 Monte Diablo also offers seniors lunch on Tues//Thurs for a suggested \$4 donation.