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BHNA June 15th Member Zoom Meeting

We are still ZOOM-ing in June! Please join us for an information-filled evening. Our featured speaker, Robert Blake, is the Chief Operations Officer for the San Mateo County Medical Center.

We will be receiving up-to-the-minute news on Covid-19, along with updates regarding the huge, on-going construction projects at their 39th Avenue location. These projects will proceed in multiple phases with an estimated completion for the final phase in early 2023.

For a sneak peek of what is currently underway, go to <https://cmo.smcgov.org/san-mateo-county-health-campus-updates>.

At the top of our June meeting, we will also be introducing new City staff to our Members. Two very important positions have been recently filled, including the City Attorney and Public Works Director. There may come a time when you need to reach out to these folks, so here's your chance to get to know them. (See more next page.) Additionally, we've recently learned that our region has its own Traffic Officer! We'll be introducing you to Officer Julio Jolivette to learn how this benefits our community.

JUNE 15th ZOOM MEETING LINK: Utilizing this link and ID will bring you to our waiting room.
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82036064237> Meeting ID: 820 3606 4237

ZOOM MEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, June 15th @ 7:30

**San Mateo County
Medical Center Topics:
Covid & Construction**

**Meet New City Staff &
Our Area Traffic Officer**

REFER A FRIEND & BE SURE YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS CURRENT!

Refer a neighbor to join & get a gift certificate to a local eatery when they tell us your name! (Quantities limited.) Have you renewed for 2021 yet? Send form and your check, payable to "The BHNA" to: BHNA, P.O. Box 6764, San Mateo CA 94403, or pay online at:

https://beresfordhillsdale.org/?page_id=1366ck%20Here

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BHNA's New Website!

We are very excited to announce that our new website is currently under construction. Not only will it be easier to renew your membership, but the site itself will be clean, concise and easy to navigate. You'll find announcements of important dates, Board member information, and simple links for old newsletters and other information. It's going to be a state-of-the-art website that serves you better and one that we can all be very proud of! Look for news early this summer for its "LIVE" date! You're going to want to check it out!

Can Measure Y Disappear? Proposed Senate Bills 9 & 10

The first week of June, Senate Bills 9 & 10 will go to a vote in the Senate – and they're slated to pass there. However, both bills will then go to the Assembly, so there is time to make your voice heard!

Critics point out what they feel are negatives:

SB9 – Ends single family zoning, allows 4 to 6 units of housing on single family lots, allows the splitting of single family home lots, removes local control by council/residents of what is built in single family zoned neighborhoods.

SB10 – Allows up to 10 units per parcel in residential areas that are job/transit rich, allows council to remove land use initiatives passed by voters (like Measure Y).

Both bills – Neither requires affordable housing, infrastructure upgrades or environmental (CEQA) review for projects.

Proponents point out what they feel are benefits:

Both SB9 & 10 will make the creation of new housing easier, considering the lack of middle-income housing. SB9 would legalize building of this housing in 70% of the state and help California respond to historic job loss in the construction sector. SB10 provides tools for local governments to zone up to 10 homes per parcel, maintaining local control, and creating a pathway to streamline upzoning in transit/jobs rich areas to allow more Californians 'high opportunity' and help alleviate traffic and pollution.

We strongly urge our Members to better understand these bills, and to communicate to Assemblyman Mullin. Find contact info at: <http://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>.

Check it Out! We've shared with you before that BHNA Board members also represent you at the San Mateo United Homeowner's Association (SMUHA). SMUHA creates a forum to link resident neighborhood associations together for common concerns, and also acts as a conduit for important information sharing.

SMUHA has a brand-new website which they encourage you to check out at <https://www.sanmateounited.org/>. Find events and important information impacting our City, or submit your own event information! No other city we know has an organization representing its residents' HOAs & Neighborhood Associations like SMUHA.

Rodents & More - Got rats/mice? San Mateo has a rodent-control program in collaboration with the San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District. If you think you have a rodent problem, request assistance from the San Mateo County Mosquito and Vector Control District. The district does not conduct pest control on private properties, but can provide an inspection to help you figure where rats may be getting in and how to keep them out. (Vector Control will also help with wasp nest removal for free!) The District can provide information/resources for trapping rodents in your home. You can reach them at www.smcmvcd.org/help or (650) 344-8592. A rodent inspection is available to any resident and there is no fee for this service. Visit www.smcmvcd.org/what-you-can-do-rodents for more information and tips. You can reduce attractants such as:

- Unsecured garbage
- Unharvested ripe fruits or vegetables
- Pet food or bird feeders left overnight
- Overgrown vegetation
- Access points to homes or sheds
- Piles of wood or other debris

New in Town - Key City employees have retired and we have some new folks who are now heading up the Public Works Department and City Attorney's office. The BHNA welcomes new Public Works Director Azalea Mitch. Mitch began serving as Interim Director of Public Works in 2020, and is a champion for environmental sustainability. She was appointed permanently in April, 2021. Also welcome is new City Attorney Prasanna Rasiah, who has over two decades of municipal law experience with Bay Area cities, serving most recently for 4 years in Redwood City. Rasiah started with San Mateo last month.