



HOME

Association of North Central San Mateo

HANCSM - Our Organization Welcomes Home Owners, Renters, Property and Business Owners

Winter 2015

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Presidents' Letter

HAPPY 2015. February 19th is the Lunar New Year, and this is the Year of the Sheep (Ram, or Goat), the 8th symbol in Chinese Astrology. The Sheep (Goat) is a symbol of Peace, Harmonious Co-existence, and Tranquility, which is the fundamental mood for this year. Let us hope that this will be the case for 2015.

Our city continues to grow and prosper as the area's economy rebounds, and with this prosperity also comes problems. Problems that we, as residents, our community leaders, elected officials, businesses, labor and developers, need to tackle in a responsible way that will benefit our residents and our city. Most people cannot find a job paying six figures, and yet we have to learn to survive in our part of the Peninsula, where new companies, especially high tech ones, are being drawn. Our downtown eateries seem to be "booming" in the evenings, and some of our service



industries seem to be doing well. But one big problem facing our area is "housing." Where will the people who do not make "big salaries" live? Where will they go when the rental market pushes rents beyond their means? In some areas, this means sharing housing, living in crowded conditions, renting from "slumlords," and living in areas where safety can become a problem.

Our city has had a program for BMR (Below Market Rate) housing for many, many years, and while this has not resolved our housing crisis, it has helped to keep a certain number of housing units for lower income earners as well as seniors in our city. I know that there are forces pushing for higher density housing near so-called transportation corridors. BUT do we want to live in such high-density housing that we feel hemmed in with a lack of space for our families to enjoy? Some folks may enjoy the opportunity to walk, e.g. to work, to entertainment, and to shop, but we still need to get around. Families need to transport their children to the many activities, both for school and after school, that seem to occupy so much of their lives and time.

We, the residents of our great city, need to be more pro-active in deciding how we want our city to grow and our residents to prosper and be able to live in a "livable community." So please, be aware of what is happening in your block, your neighborhood, and our city. Do not let exterior forces determine how we want to live. Housing, transportation, traffic, economic growth, good education, and health and safety issues are important topics that touch each one of us. How will we balance the "needs" in a responsible and positive manner? Do not be passive - become involved in guiding the direction for our city's future.

*Jane Williams & Bertha Sanchez,
Co-Presidents*

Community Calendar	
Thursday, Feb 5 6:20-8:30pm	HANCSM General Meeting King Center
Wednesdays March 4-18 6-7:00pm	Life Skills for Teenagers grades 9-12 King Center - Free
Fridays 6:30pm – 8:45pm	Friday Night Fun – grades 6-12 At King Center - FREE
Monday-Thursday 3:30-6pm	Teen Resource Center At King Center - FREE
Monday-Friday 3-5:45pm	Everyday Play grades 1-5 thru March 13 At King Ctr - \$60
Saturdays Feb 7 – Mar 28	Jr. Warriors' Basketball League grades 3-8 - \$42 At King Center

San Mateo City Services

Have you ever wondered whom to call for street flooding, fallen branches from city trees, broken street lights, major street pot holes, illegal dumping, inoperable signal lights, etc? How do "911" calls get dispatched? What is the diversity of our Police Department?

Come JOIN OUR HANSCM Winter Meeting to get some answers. How do Community Partnerships and use of our City Resources affect our neighborhoods? How can city residents work collaboratively with our various city departments to develop trust and transparency? This is a huge topic, and HANSCM will be discussing solutions and answers over our next few General Meetings. We will want to know where the money really comes from to pay for our city services instead of the vague answer of "from taxes." We want to encourage our residents to be more knowledgeable, to participate in discussions, and to help find solutions. There will be an Open Forum for Citizen Questions. For this first meeting, Chief Manheimer will be speaking on Building Communities of Trust and will be giving an overview of the police organization chart. Looking forward to seeing you all at our February 5, 2015 MEETING.

Caltrain Bridges Replacement Project

If you are not on the e-mail list and want to know the status of the Bridge Replacement Construction Project, you can visit the website at: www.caltrain.com/smbridges and subscribe for project updates or email: smbridges@caltrain.com. You can also call the dedicated outreach line at 650-508-7726. For the month of January, crews will continue to clear and remove existing vegetation along the right-of-way and monitor vector control between Bellevue and Tilton Avenues as part of the initial site preparation for the project.

Planting a Yard Tree?

It is not just a matter of planting a tree in your yard. One needs to consider many things, including the size of the tree (including height), do you want an evergreen or deciduous tree, do you want a fruit tree or an ornamental shrub, how much shade do you want. You may not want the tree/shrub too close to your home or garage as roots could affect your foundations and sewer line. A great deal of thought should be given when choosing a tree for your yard.

CENTRAL PARK

The Parks and Recreation Department is updating the Master Plan for Central Park. The current park master plan from 1982 may no longer be adequate to address the park's current and future needs. The Master Plan will guide future improvements and redevelopment within Central Park that will seek to balance:

- Its historic character;
- Its use as a community gathering place;
- Its strategic location adjacent to Downtown San Mateo; and
- Its unique blend of both tranquil and active recreational spaces.

The Master Plan update will explore the possible reuse or reconfiguration of existing on-site amenities within Central Park. However, several of the Park's signature amenities—including the Japanese Tea Garden, the Great Lawn, the historic Kohl Pumphouse area and the Rose Garden—are intended to remain. Go to the City's website at www.cityofsanmateo.org/index.aspx?nid=2735 for more information.

Los Prados Park Synthetic Turf Project

Los Prados Park has been selected for the first synthetic athletic turf to be installed in the San Mateo City park system. This was the result of an in-depth study and planning process supported by a Community Advisory Committee and the solicitation of broad community feedback. For more information on that process and plan, go to [Synthetic Turf Planning](#). Other parks were considered for synthetic turf, including the Martin Luther King Community Park.

The Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration will be finalized after considering public comment, then presented for review/approval as follows:

- Tuesday, 1/27/15- Planning Commission review/ approval of Planning Application
- Tuesday, 2/17/15- City Council review/approval of

HANSCM Board

Jane Williams - Co-President: 342-6795
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Planning Application: Go to the City’s website at <http://www.cityofsanmateo.org/index.aspx?nid=2892> for more information.

able to concentrate on their main tasks, homework and studying. Access to computers & resource materials available.

King Center Programs & Events

Everyday Play (EDP)- Grades 1-5

Monday-Friday – 3:00pm – 5:45pm
\$60.00 Program ends March 13

Kids will join us afterschool for supervised programming which will include (homework time, snacks, indoor/outdoor activities)

King Community Chorus:

Ages: 8-18
FREE

Do you enjoy singing, harmonizing, learning new songs, making friends – then the new King Community Chorus is just for you. Join us February 9th & 12th for vocal assessments, 6:30-7pm. If you miss these dates, call King Center for upcoming assessment dates.

Jr. Warriors Basketball League:

Feb. 7 – March 28 - Cost: \$42
Division I – Ages 8-11 yrs, Saturdays, 9am-12:00pm
Division II- Ages 11-14 yrs, Saturdays, 12noon-3pm
The City of San Mateo partners with the Golden State Warriors to provide our community with this amazing league. Boys & girls will have fun while learning teamwork, sportsmanship, and fundamentals of basketball.

Teen Resource Center – Grades 6-12 (FREE)

Monday – Thursdays 3:30pm – 6pm
In a positive and relaxing environment, teens will be

Life Skills for Teenagers: Grades 9-12 (FREE)

Wednesdays 6pm-7pm March 4-18
Teens, join us and develop skills that will get you ready for the future. Time management, healthy living, job search, goal setting and money management will be discussed.

Friday Night Fun: Grades 6-12 (FREE)

Every Friday 6:30pm-8:45pm
Join us most Friday night for fun and excitement. Call and find the week’s theme and activities.

Angela Miller, Community Services Supervisor, King Community Center. Please call (650) 522-7470 for information on King Center programs.

Public Library e-Resources

The San Mateo Public Library has many different e-resources. Here are some of them:

eMagazines

Flipster
Popular digital magazines available for reading in browser while connected to the internet or downloadable to iPad or iPad mini. App available for iPad and iPad Mini.

eBooks

Overdrive
Downloadable eBooks and eAudio books from the Peninsula Library System Digital Book Library for all ages. Explore new titles each month as we develop and build our collection.Safari Books Online

Home Association of North Central San Mateo

JOIN NOW! As a member, you will receive a newsletter, attend informative meetings, and be represented at City and County meetings. You will also have the opportunity to meet your neighbors in a spirit of cooperation and shared interest. Please include your email address so we can keep you informed. Your email will not be shared with anyone and we use blind copy so others will not see your address.

Name: Mr. Ms. Mrs. _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____ Occupation/Interest: _____

Circle one: Homeowner - Renter - Business Property Owner - Associate Member (outside of North Central)

Do you want to be called prior to each meeting? YES NO

Basic Dues (\$10.00 /year/voting member or \$20.00/household; \$25/business) Dues: _____

Donation: _____

TOTAL: _____

Make check payable to **HANCSM**
Mail to: HANCSM, c/o King Center
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PUBLIC MEETING

Thursday, February 5—6:20-8:30pm

King Center—Assembly Room
Monte Diablo and Fremont

San Mateo City Services - Part One

Guests speakers:

Mayor Maureen Freschet - San Mateo City Vision
Chief of Police Susan Manheimer
-Building Community Trust

Join our meeting, be involved.
Our neighborhood needs YOU!
Light refreshments will be served.

Safari Books Online

Computer and technology eBooks from the best authors and publishers.

Enki Library Peninsula Library System

An open source ebook platform shared with other California libraries. Audiobooks and Kindle books are not available.

eBooks for Children

Tumblebook Library

Animated talking storybooks for children in English, Spanish, and other languages.

Overdrive for Kids

A selection of downloadable eBooks and eAudio books from the Peninsula Library System Digital Book Library.

Bookflik

Bookflick Online stories and non-fiction for pre-school to grade 3.

eBooks for Teens

OverDrive for Teens

A selection of downloadable eBooks and eAudio books from the Peninsula Library System Digital Book Library just for teens.

Some resources require a San Mateo Public Library card. Go to the Library's website at www.cityofsanmateo.org/index.aspx?NID=2284 for more information.

Who to Call at the Library:

- Administrative Office 522-7802 –to reserve meeting rooms; and passport appointments
- Circulation Desk 650-638-0399—to renew library materials by phone
- Information Desk 522-7818 –for reference and reader's advisory
- Children's Desk 522-7838—for information about the Children's services
- Marina Branch 522-7893—for information about services at the Marina Branch
- Hillsdale Branch 522-7885—for information about services at the Hillsdale Branch

Ben Ocón, City Librarian