CITYNEWS NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Summer Events

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS DAY
Information and Demonstrations!
Date: June 9
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*
Location: SMC Event Center
***Before 11:00 - Free parking & admission to SMC Fair**

SAN MATEO COUNTY FAIR
The fair features entertainment, carnival fun, exhibits, and more!
Date: June 9 - June 17
Time: Varies
Location: SMC Event Center

CENTRAL PARK MUSIC SERIES
San Mateo's signature summer event returns on Thursday nights with free live music.
Dates: June 21 - August 9
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Location: Central Park

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
Join your neighbors and take part in this annual event to strengthen communities and prevent crime.
Date: August 7
Time: 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Location: All Over San Mateo!

WINE WALK 2012 - Save the Date
The Downtown San Mateo Assoc. invites you to their 16th Wine Walk.
Date: Saturday, September 29
Time: 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Location: Downtown San Mateo

For more information, visit us at: www.cityofsanmateo.org

Volunteer with Your City

Community involvement helps make San Mateo a great place to live. Why not get involved? Visit the **VolunteerSource** section of our website and apply online for a City volunteer opportunity.

Library Summer Reading

The Library will be offering summer reading programs for readers preschool through 12th grade. Children (preschool - 7th grade) are asked to read six books during the summer and Teens (8th - 12th grade) are asked to read and review four books. Prizes will be awarded in August. For information on these programs and other fun summer reading activities, go to: www.smplibrary.org.

Discover Your Local Parks

Summer is a great time to discover your local parks. The City of San Mateo has **more than 30 park facilities** ranging from large regional parks to neighborhood mini-parks. Visit our interactive park website for park details including picnic areas (drop-in and reserved), athletic fields, skate areas, playgrounds, reservation information, and more at www.cityofsanmateo.org/exploreourparks.

Stay Cool at the Pool

Don't miss the public swim and swimming lessons offered at both Joinville Pool (2111 Kehoe) and King Pool (725 Monte Diablo) this summer.

Join us at Joinville Pool for **'Summer Splash and Family Fun Day'** an exciting afternoon of water games, inner-tube races, relay races, special treats, and fun for the whole family on Saturday, July 21st, from 1:00 to 5:00.

Play a Round of Golf

These long summer days are the perfect time to enjoy the beautiful **Poplar Creek Golf Course**, which features an 18-hole course, full service pro shop, golf lessons, and restaurant. Visit www.poplarcreekgolf.com to schedule your tee time.

To find out more about these and other City programs, visit us at www.cityofsanmateo.org.

Applications Now Open for 2012 City Services Academy

Have you ever wondered how your city government provides services and works with the community? Are you interested in meeting other community members and getting a behind-the-scenes look at civic facilities such as the Police Station? Join us for the 2012 City Services Academy to see first-hand how the City of San Mateo serves our community. Open to individuals who live or work in San Mateo, the Academy begins on August 29 and continues every Wednesday night through November 14 (including one Saturday session). For more information or to apply, please contact Laurie Strange at (650) 522-7000 or visit the City website at www.cityofsanmateo.org. **The deadline to apply is August 20.**

Visit www.cityofsanmateo.org and click on "Summer in San Mateo" to learn more about summer activities!

Community Involvement

Be Ready, Be Safe, Be Involved!

The City continues to partner with the San Mateo United Homeowners Association (SMUHA) to raise awareness of Neighborhood Watch, Community Preparedness programs, Neighborhood Groups and Homeowners Associations, and various volunteer opportunities. **Neighborhood Watch** is a crime prevention program where residents and police work together to prevent and reduce crime in our neighborhoods. The City's **Community Preparedness programs** strive to educate the community about fire and life safety skills for everyday life. **Neighborhood Groups and Homeowners Associations** are a great way for residents to get involved and make a difference in their community. Check out our website for more information.

San Mateo is a "Strong City"

San Mateo was recently profiled under the "Strong Cities|Strong State" campaign promoting local government success stories. Highlights include San Mateo's accomplishments in engaging the public through volunteer service and community preparedness; supporting continued economic vitality of the City; providing activities to at-risk children through the Police Activities League; enhancing quality of life through recreational and cultural facilities; and promoting transit-oriented development to connect jobs and housing with transportation. For more information visit "Strong Cities|Strong State" at www.strongcitiesstrongstate.com.

Other Information About Your City

Help Us Stamp Out Graffiti

Recently, you may have observed a significant increase in graffiti in San Mateo, particularly along the Highway 101 corridor. The Public Works Department is responding aggressively using City staff and contractors to remove graffiti on City right-of-ways (such as utility boxes, sound walls, and stop signs) and working with Caltrans to remove graffiti along Highway 101, which is the Caltrans right-of-way. We will continue to work with Caltrans to expedite the response to future graffiti. We are also working to ensure private properties are cleaned up as well.

We ask for your continued help to spot graffiti. Any time you see graffiti in our community, please call the Public Works call center at 522-7300 (24 hours a day, seven days a week). The sooner we get these locations identified, the sooner we can get the graffiti removed.

2012-2014 Business Plan

On June 18th, the City Council will adopt the 2012-2014 Business Plan which includes the City's budget for the next fiscal year. The proposed $82 million General Fund operating budget (which funds most City services) is a balanced budget which closes a projected $7 million shortfall through department cost savings as well as labor compensation restructuring. This budget continues the City's tradition of prudent fiscal management to ensure efficient and effective services. The budget document is available for the public to review on the City's website, www.cityofsanmateo.org.

Check Out These Farmers' Markets

25th AVENUE FARMERS' MARKET
TUESDAYS - 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Watch a parking lot transform into an agricultural marketplace filled with fresh fruits and vegetables. Runs through October 16, 2012.
LOCATION: 25th Avenue & Hacienda

SAN MATEO FARMERS' MARKET
SATURDAYS - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
This year-round market has earned a reputation as one of the best markets on the Peninsula with more than 100 farmers and producers participating.
LOCATION: College of San Mateo at 1700 W. Hillsdale Ave.

For Your Safety

Planning a Summer Vacation?

Submit a "**Vacation House Check Request Form**" and an officer or cadet will drive by your home while you are away to make sure things are ok. Visit our website and look under the **Living** section for **Resident Resources** and then click on the **Vacation House Check Request Form**.

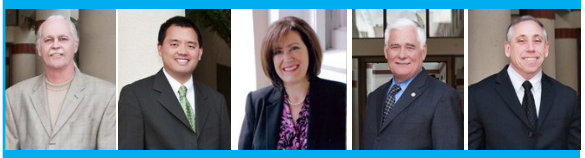
Community Public Safety Alerts

Receive community public safety messages by subscribing to San Mateo County's system, SMC Alert (www.smcalert.info/). The San Mateo Police Department's Community Alerts are routed through this service.

Want to Hear the Latest City News?

The City's website offers an **email subscription service** that provides more than 30 categories to choose from, including: Calendar of Events, City Council Meeting Agendas, Library Events, Activity Guide Notices, Planning and Public Works updates, Volunteer Opportunities, and many more! Sign up today!

San Mateo City Council



L TO R: Brandt Grotte (Mayor), David Lim (Deputy Mayor), Maureen Freschet, Jack Matthews, and Robert Ross

During the summer, the City Council will meet on **June 4, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 4, and September 18**. Council meetings start at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers located at 330 West 20th Avenue. In addition to attending in person, you can watch the meetings live or archived by clicking on the WATCH IT ONLINE icon on the front page of our website. You can also use our website to view previous and upcoming Council meeting agendas and background materials.

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