

Emerald Hills Review

Emerald Hills Homeowners Association Newsletter

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Annual Member Meeting March 22, 2011

Join the Team – Be a Community Builder

By Michael Mangini, President EHHA Board of Directors

Over the past three years, Emerald Hills has come together as a community in ways that haven't been seen in decades. Through the patient, dedicated efforts of a core team of volunteers, neighbors have begun to meet neighbors at the Emerald Hills Annual Picnics, families are connecting with other families at local school and church events, and residents have kept informed of what's happening in county government and in their own backyards through our newest hometown news source - the Emerald Hills Review

And now that this solid foundation has been laid, it's time for you, as part of the emerging Emerald Hills Community, to join the team and help keep it all going.

If you add "Community Building in Emerald Hills" to your list of New Year's Resolutions, here are some of the ways you can help:

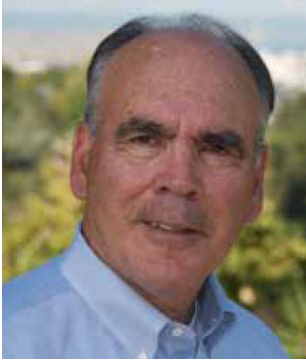
- Volunteer to be the new editor of the Emerald Hills Review
- Submit articles of local interest to The Review
- Run for one of the five positions that will be open for election on the EHHA Board of Directors at the March Annual Meeting
- Offer to help with the 4th Annual Emerald Hills Community Picnic
- Come to the monthly meetings of the EHHA Board and participate in discussions about issues of local interest
- Organize a new event to support closer ties in our community



The new, closer, more collegial community we all now live in has come about because residents just like you stepped up to make it happen. Help us continue the positive momentum by joining the team and helping us build the community in Emerald Hills.

Send an email to board@ehha.org or make a call to any of the members of the EHHA Board, to tell us how you would like to help. We're counting on you, and are looking forward to working with a new generation of community builders!

To My Neighbors and Friends in Emerald Hills



I am humbled by the support shown to me on election day by the voters of San Mateo County. It will indeed be an honor to serve as the Supervisor representing the Third District, but I intend to work for all the county's residents. I want to thank the Emerald Hills HOA for the endorsement for my campaign. I was and continue to

be honored by the support of my friends and neighbors of the Emerald Hills Community.

I also want to thank, from the bottom of my heart, my wife Elaine, my family, my supporters and the thousands of people who voted for me.

There are obvious challenges facing San Mateo County, but we must not lose sight of the fact that we live in a remarkable area with tremendous resources. The negatives do not outweigh the positives in this county. Certainly, our budget dilemmas must be addressed, local social safety nets must be protected, and a clear-eyed view of the path forward must be followed. I know that our communities are diverse, vibrant and have enthusiasm for the future. It is my sincere goal to bring an equally enthusiastic approach to my new role in county government. I am looking forward to 2011 and I thank you all for your confidence in my abilities.

Sincerely,

Don Horsley
Member-elect, Board of Supervisors
San Mateo County

When Does the EHHA Board Meet?

The EHHA Board typically holds its monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month in the conference room (lower level) of the new Woodside Fire Station 19 at Jefferson Avenue and Wilmington Way. Meetings are open to the community, and we invite you to attend. The meeting schedule is available on

our web site www.emerald hills.org.



Come to the Lake in 2011

By Carl E. Touhey,
Emerald Lake Board Member & Social Chairman

Emerald Lake Country Club, located in the wooded hills of Redwood City, is a pristine, fresh water lake dedicated to the recreational enjoyment of our Lake member families. Certified lifeguards are on duty at all times during swimming hours. Swimming, boating and numerous social events are just a few of the features that make Emerald Lake a special place to spend your summer.

Emerald Lake Country Club will begin its summer membership application process on February 1, 2011. The applications can be found in the box at the Lake outside the entrance and on our website on February 1: <http://www.emerald lake country club.com/>.

The estimated 2011 cost of the summer memberships are \$350 (Single), \$450 (Couple), and \$500 (Family). Summer memberships sell out very quickly so if you are interested in joining, you need to get your application in as soon as possible after they are available.

The Lake plans on having another full social calendar in 2011 ranging from Memorial Day BBQ, Father's Day Breakfast, Art on the Beach, Concerts, Kids sleepover, Kids Movie Night and other events for the whole family.

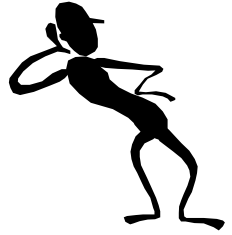
Many of our social events are open to the public with a very special welcome to the residents of Emerald Hills! Check our website for information on events and to purchase tickets.



Come Together for the EHHA Annual Member Meeting on March 22, 2011

At least once each year, the Emerald Hills Homeowners Association holds a Member Meeting where all the homeowners in Emerald Hills are invited to come together to:

- Hear a report on what's been happening in the community over the past year
- Listen to speakers from County government about general services and

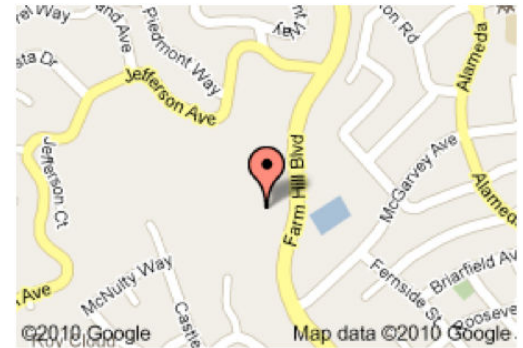


activities in our neighborhoods

- Vote for new Board members to guide EHHA initiatives in the coming year
- Share ideas for building a better, stronger community

This year, the Annual Member Meeting will be held once again at the Peninsula Covenant Church, Fireside Room located at 3650 Farm Hill Blvd. in Redwood City (see map). The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm, but residents are encouraged to come early to register for a voter ballot and have some time to mingle with friends and neighbors.

So mark your calendars, send a text to your iPhone or Blackberry scheduler, or just write a note to yourself and put in on the refrigerator door to join your fellow Emerald Hills residents at the EHHA Annual Member Meeting on March 22, 2011!



Early in the last century, San Franciscans summered on the Peninsula, many of them in the hills of Redwood City. At right is my father-in-law, just five years old, on the shore of Lower Emerald Lake in 1927. That kind of history lends character to an area. That character is what attracts people to live in and enjoy the Emerald Hills today.

If you are considering selling your home, please call me for a no obligation value analysis. Let's put my Emerald Hills knowledge and experience to work for you.

Emerald Hills Community Picnic a Big Success!

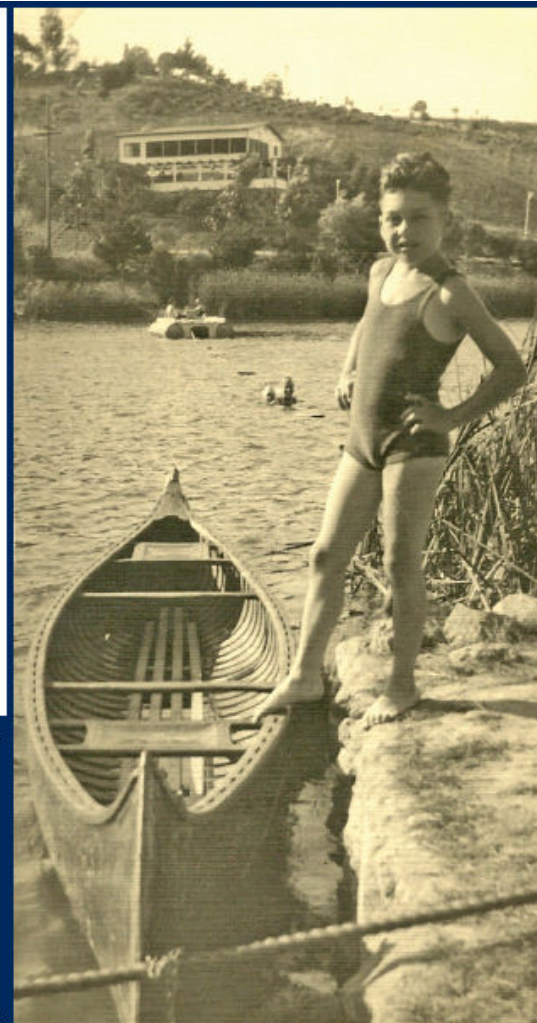
"Many thanks to Chef John Sieling for putting in yeoman service behind the grill."

Michael Mangini – President EHHA



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Project Update: Hetch Hetchy Water System Improvement Program

By Christina Kerby,
Communications and Public Outreach

Construction of Bay Division Pipeline No.5 Peninsula (BDPL5 Peninsula) is ongoing in Redwood City and Menlo Park. Our contractor, Mountain Cascade, Inc., has installed over 14,000 feet of pipe between Hillcrest Drive in Redwood City and 1st Avenue in North Fair Oaks. We are currently working on restoring the right of way where pipe has been installed.

This restoration work includes erosion control measures, such as the straw wattles you see pictured, and re-vegetating the Right of Way with native grasses. These measures are required by the Federal Government as part of our Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. They also ensure stabilization of the hillsides where we have worked.

Pipe installation in Emerald Hills is scheduled for late Spring or early Summer 2011. The crossing of Edgewood Road will likely take place over a long weekend, and traffic will be detoured to Cordilleras Road during construction. We will tunnel under Cordilleras Road and Cordilleras Creek, and we'll update you on the schedule next Spring when we know more.

We've had to remove some trees from the hillside above Edgewood Road in preparation for construction. Unfortunately, these trees cannot be replanted on the Right of Way, where the roots can interfere with the



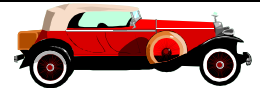
pipelines below. However, we will be replacing trees at other locations within the watershed.

Please check our project blog at www.sfwater.org/PenPI for weekly updates on construction progress and great pictures from the field. You may also contact the project team by phone at (800) 571-6610 or via email at baydivision@sfwater.org.

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San Mateo County "News and Notes"

By Liz Henton, Community Outreach Specialist
County Manager's Office

New Garbage and Recycling Services



Recology San Mateo County is the new garbage and recycling service provider for the neighborhood of Emerald Lake Hills. Garbage, recycling and yard trimmings/compost will be collected every week through their new CartSMART program.

New Black Garbage Cart

The garbage cart is available in either 20, 32, 64 or 96 gallon, depending on your needs. Call Recology at (650) 595-3900 if you would like to adjust the size of your garbage cart.

New Green Compost Cart

Residents can place food scraps, soiled paper products (coffee filters, greasy pizza boxes, paper cups and plates, etc.), and yard trimmings in the green compost bins. All of the waste in the compost bin will be ground and turned into soil, which will then be sold to various farmers throughout the county and state.



New Single-Stream Blue Recycling Cart

Recology offers single-stream collection allowing residents to put mixed paper and assorted containers together into one bin. No more need to sort.

Questions?

Contact Recology at (650) 595-3900 to reach their live call center.

Energy Upgrade California

Are your utility bills spiking this winter? It might be time for an energy upgrade.

In these colder months, heated air from your furnace can easily escape through hidden holes and un-insulated gaps in your attic and walls. By fixing these small things, you won't have to heat your home as much, saving you money.

Want to get started? The Energy Upgrade California program offers homeowners rebates for upgrades like



sealing and insulating and improving the efficiency of heating and cooling systems. By working with an Energy Upgrade California contractor, you can identify ways to save energy and reduce waste in your home.

Rebate amounts vary based on the energy efficiency improvements made to the home. You can receive anywhere from \$1,000 for basic sealing and insulating to \$4,000 for more extensive upgrades.

To find out more about the San Mateo County Energy Upgrade California program, please call, click, or write: (650) 762-5440, www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/energyupgrade or email energyupgrade@co.sanmateo.ca.us.

Need help? Call 211

If you or anyone you know needs food, housing, health care or other services, just call 211 from any phone.



The toll-free number connects callers to people who can link them to services. It's a one-stop referral service with a mission to find the help people need. During a disaster, 211 can provide critical information about evacuation routes and where to find food and shelter.

The service is available around-the-clock and every day of the year in more than 150 languages. To provide the service, San Mateo County and the Community Information Project have teamed up with United Way of the Bay Area.

To learn more, visit <http://211bayarea.org/san-mateo>.

SMCNews

For updates on County news, check out SMCNews a blog for residents in the unincorporated areas:

<http://smcnews.wordpress.com>.



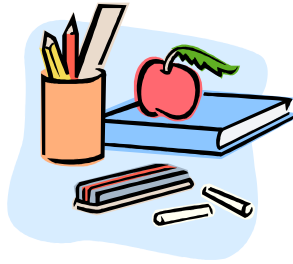
Do You Have a Question about San Mateo County Government?

Please contact Deputy County Manager **Peggy Jensen** at pjensen@co.sanmateo.ca.us or (650) 363-4598 or Public Communications Manager **Marshall Wilson** at mwilson@co.sanmateo.ca.us or (650) 363-4153 or Community Outreach Specialist **Liz Henton** at lhenton@co.sanmateo.ca.us or (650) 363-1949.

Local Schools Need Local Support

By Alisa MacAvoy,
RCSD Board Trustee
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If not for challenges with the state budget, it would be a golden time in our local schools. Test scores have risen dramatically, enrollment is higher than in many years, and the Redwood City Education Foundation has raised unprecedented levels of money to support music, Outdoor Education and other programs that provide enrichment to our students.



To meet our mission of educating every child for success, RCSD has put in place a strategic academic achievement plan designed to provide our students with the academic building blocks they need to thrive in an increasingly global economy. Rigor is more important than ever before, and all students are challenged to reach their potential.

In 2009-2010, RCSD celebrated several key accomplishments:

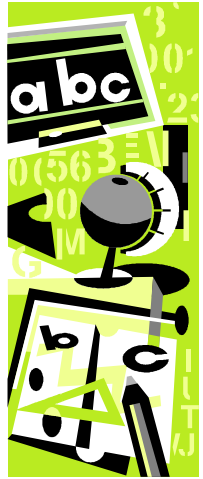
- North Star Academy and Adelante School were named California Distinguished Schools. Orion School is already a California Distinguished School. (Roy Cloud, Clifford, and Kennedy have all recently been CA Distinguished Schools.)
- North Star Academy at 985 (out of 1000) had one of the highest Academic Achievement Index scores in the state.
- Six of our schools have API scores over 800: Adelante (813), Clifford (813) Roy Cloud (892), Henry Ford (832) Orion (862) and North Star (985). Taft (789) is within striking distance of the 800 target set by the state.

At the same time that our local schools have made great gains in achievement, however, decreased state funding for schools has posed an increasing challenge to our district, and many others. In recent years, the State of California has given schools very late budgets



and has decreased the resources available for educating our local students. RCSD has added over 1000 students since 2006, but operates with about the same total budget as in 2006, despite the fact that all costs of doing business have increased. Like most districts in the state, RCSD has made significant budget cuts over the last few years.

Fortunately, our local community has never been more committed to supporting our students. Besides the Redwood City Education Foundation, School PTAs/PTOs, Serve the Peninsula, Peninsula Interfaith Action, Redwood City 2020 and Sequoia Healthcare District are offering a variety of programs including tutoring, PE programs, supplies, site beautification days, wellness programs and staffing, community schools, assistance in the classroom, music, arts, outdoor education and field trips. All of these contributions have provided students with opportunities to excel and receive a well-rounded education.



Keeping the quality of our local schools at the high level of recent years, will require creativity and tapping into new resources during these lean times. Since district staffing is already at the bare minimum and operates very efficiently, RCSD is exploring every possible source of additional revenue. School board trustees spoke to many community groups and neighborhood associations, including EHHA, over the last year to answer questions from the public about the district's budget situation.

Our education foundation works tirelessly to find grants, obtain corporate support and raise money from private donors. Many neighboring school districts have generated local funds through a parcel tax and therefore have had to make fewer educational program cuts than our district has had to make; our school board recently voted to conduct a poll to see whether our local community would support such a tax for our schools in Redwood City.

In upcoming months, the board will have many discussions about the school district budget, and how to address the shortfalls that are expected to continue in the coming year. Community members are welcome to attend any school board meetings to follow discussions on our budget and all other business related to our local schools. The RCSD looks forward to the day when California provides consistent, equitable and adequate funding for our schools and students.



If you have any questions, feel free to contact Naomi Hunter, RCSD Communications Director at nhunter@rcsdk8.net.

Emerald Hills K-8 residents may attend their neighborhood schools, Clifford or Roy Cloud, or apply for one of our schools of choice, Orion (parent participation), Adelante (Spanish immersion) or North Star Academy (high achieving students) or any of RCSD's neighborhood schools. Registration starts in February and information can be found at www.rcsdk8.net/enrollment, at school offices, and at the District Office at 750 Bradford Street, Redwood City.

A Message From EHHA Treasurer

Tim Farrar

At the end of November 2010, the Association had \$2,431 in the bank, with payments for recent advertisements expected to bring this up to approximately \$3,500 once these are received. Donations to date in 2010 have totaled \$3,095 from 72 residents and we have also received a total of \$4,625 in advertising for the newsletters published so far this year. In addition, we received \$375 in picnic receipts and polo shirt sales, bringing the total income up to \$8,095, or roughly the same as last year. Newsletter printing and postage to date has cost \$7,100, reflecting the increased printing costs caused by to changes in postal regulations. However, expenses for the picnic were lower than last year, at just under \$1,300, reflecting the generous donation of the food by the Canyon Inn.

As a result, total expenditure to date (including the annual meeting costs and the PO Box rent) has been approximately \$8,900, leaving the Association with a deficit of approximately \$800 at the time of writing (before taking into account the costs for printing and mailing this newsletter and offsetting advertising receipts).

We hope that you enjoy reading the newsletter. Please do let advertisers know if you see their ad here so that they know it's money well spent. We are proud to be building a good reputation as a cost-effective option for local advertisers. Equally, if you're a local business owner, please consider advertising in the newsletter, as it is widely read in the community and much more cost effective than a standalone mailing.


Enclosed with this newsletter you will find a donation envelope, which you may use to send contributions, with checks payable to the EHHA. If you receive the newsletter electronically, then you may send donations to us by mail at EHHA, Attn: Treasurer, PO Box 620449, Woodside, CA 94062, or you may donate via PayPal at <http://emeraldhills.synthasite.com/donate.php>.

And for supporters who donate \$100 or more to the Association, the EHHA will give you a high-quality polo shirt or cap embroidered with the Emerald Hills logo. (If you would like a polo shirt or a cap, please include a note with your donation indicating your choice of thank-you gift and preferred shirt size, if applicable, with each donation of \$100 or more.)

Thank you!


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