

# Emerald Hills Review

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## County Officials Attend 2011 EHHA Annual Member Meeting

By Michael Mangini, President EHHA Board of Directors



On the evening of March 22, 2011, Emerald Hills resident and newly elected San Mateo County Supervisor Don Horsley, along with staff members Chris Hunter and Sarah Rosendahl, joined more than 60 members of the community at the Annual Meeting of the Emerald Hills Homeowners Association, held at the Peninsula Covenant Church Fellowship Center. Community Outreach Coordinator Liz Henton, and Building and Planning Director Jim Eggemeyer, also made time to attend the meeting.

After a "State-of-the-Hills" report from EHHA Board President, Michael Mangini (which included a statement of gratitude for the service of retiring Board member Jay Roses), a "State-of-our-Finances" report from Board Treasurer, Tim Farrar; and a voice-vote supporting revision of the Association By-Laws (to allow community notification of Board candidates via email and website postings instead of hard-copy mailers), candidates for the five open positions on the EHHA Board spoke to meeting attendees and voting began.

While the votes were being counted, Supervisor Horsley addressed the community about the current budget challenges facing San Mateo County. Following Supervisor Horsley, Liz Henton spoke about newly instituted online information sources now available from the County and featured in this issue of the Emerald Hills Review. Finally, Jim Eggemeyer gave a comprehensive overview of workings of the County Building and Planning Department, including staffing levels and work plans for short-term and long-term planning goals. At the end of the presentations, all three County officials answered general questions from the audience, and even stayed after the meeting to address individual concerns. (*"Annual Member Meeting" Continued on page 2*)

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**4th Annual**  
**Community Picnic**  
**September 10, 2011**

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THIRD DISTRICT

### From the Desk of Supervisor Don Horsley

I want to let you know some of the issues that will be taking up a lot of my energy as the Third District representative on the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors.



I will be working with cities to brainstorm ways to help them in much the same way the county has been able to help San Carlos. If we can provide services for less tax money, it will be another win-win.

We are working hard to find good compromises with the California Coastal Commission on approving our new **Local Coastal Plan**. This process has been going on for more than a decade and I truly hope we arrive at a workable solution this year.

The **Tom Lantos Devil's Slide Tunnels** project will be completed in the next two years and that's a terrific engineering project that will stitch together the Coastside with the rest of the county in a secure way. But, we will be facing the challenge of funding and caring for the old Highway 1 on the cliff, which will become a public park.

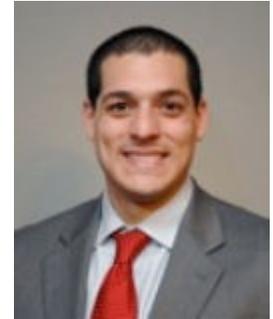
The **County Jail expansion** is moving forward as we figure out how to handle an unacceptable jail overcrowding issue without creating an enormous new financial drain on the county. We solved the problem of where to put the new jail, but now the question is how to pay for whatever we end up building.

With any project or service offered by the county, the budget looms in the background like an evil giant. Our **structural deficit** is well above \$100 million with ominous projections of higher levels in the future unless we do something. I believe we will have to work with our employees to cut costs, but at some time, we will undoubtedly need to ask the public for revenue enhancement. I do believe, however, that our economic growth will eventually help, as it always has in the past. San Mateo County is still a wonderful place to live and work, so, part of the challenge for those of us elected to lead is to develop appropriate economic and educational opportunities for our communities.

As a resident of Emerald Hills myself, I am keenly aware of the joys and concerns of our local community. It is my goal to establish stronger communication opportunities with all county residents, but particularly those in the Third District. To that end, I am holding regular office hours on the Coastside, where people often

have a hard time getting to Redwood City's County Center.

My staff consists of Chief Legislative Aide Chris Hunter (pictured right) and Legislative Aides Sarah Rosendahl and Nicholas Calderon (pictured below). They are ready to help with constituent issues and I encourage you to call my office at (650) 363-4569 with questions, comments and suggestions.



I also encourage you to become familiar with the San Mateo County government website <http://www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/portal/site/SMC>, which is a treasure chest of information about county activities, services and assistance programs. My county website is also a good place to find out about the Third District and my own activities.

I look forward to serving my neighbors in Emerald Hills as well as my constituents throughout this great county of San Mateo!

### **Annual Member Meeting** (Continued from page 1)

When the votes were counted, the five candidates who ran for positions on the Board - Tim Farrar, Michael Mangini, John Raleigh, Olav Strawe, and Carl Touhey - were elected by meeting attendees. Each will begin serving their new two-year terms at the next regular meeting of the EHHA Board, scheduled for April 13, 2011 in the Community Room at Firehouse at 4091 Jefferson Avenue, Emerald Hills.

The Association would like to extend its sincere thanks to the County officials who took time out of their busy schedules to meet with the Emerald Hills Community and strengthen the communication between residents and local government.

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*"The mission of the Emerald Hills Homeowners Association is to develop a sense of community by sponsoring events of common interest and providing a collective voice for communication among Emerald Hills residents with government and other organizations."*

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**Emerald Hills**



**Come to the Lake in 2011!**

Carl Touhey  
Emerald Lake Board Member & Social Chairman

The Emerald Lake Country Club sold out in three days this year! The lake has re-defined the term "Staycation" again in 2011. The lake currently has 50 active members and approximately 100 summer memberships that are available every year on February 1. When I became a board member 9 years ago the lake had 49 summer memberships available on June 1. This year all 100 of the summer memberships were filled on February 3, 2011 and we had a waiting list for families to join the lake for the summer of 2011.

If you were to go to downtown Redwood City and ask most people they probably have never heard of Emerald Lake Country Club and would never believe that there is a freshwater lake with a sandy beach, high dive, ten foot slide and an area to have a BBQ.

The Lake has a full social calendar ranging from Memorial Day BBQ, Father's Day Breakfast, Art on the Beach, Concerts, Kids sleepover, Comedy night, Kid's Movie Night and this year, a Karaoke Night!

Most of the night-time paid social events are open to the public with a very special welcome to the residents of Emerald Hills! You can check out the website for events and purchasing tickets.

If you are interested in any of the social events at Emerald Lake Country Club, you can view the upcoming events at <http://www.emeraldlakecountryclub.com/>.



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## County Corner: San Mateo County News

Liz Henton, Community Outreach Specialist  
County Manager's Office

### Now is the time to enjoy San Mateo County Parks



The spring, summer, and fall is the best time to relish the natural beauty of San Mateo County's parks. Here are some fun ways to discover what the County parks have to offer.

### Plan a Picnic or Special Event

It is easy to reserve picnic tables and facilities at San Mateo County Parks. Here are some options:



On-line: Visit [www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/portal/site/parks](http://www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/portal/site/parks)

By Phone: Call the reservations desk (650) 363-4021 open Mon-Thurs 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Closed Fridays.

In Person: visit the Parks Department Office (455 County Center, 4th Floor Redwood City), Mon-Thurs 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Closed Fridays.

### Take a Hike

Join other San Mateo County hikers for docent led tours once a month during the warmer months with San Mateo County's Take a Hike program. Hikes begin at 9 a.m. and are between one to three miles long. Rangers and volunteers lead the hikes and provide information about park history and the local habitat. Bring water, dress in layers and wear comfortable shoes. San Mateo County Supervisors and other local officials are frequent attendees!



Dave Holland, the current Assistant County Manager (and the former Director of the Parks Department), Supervisor Rose Jacobs Gibson, and Assembly member Jerry Hill attended a "Take a Hike" outing at Coyote Point last year.

### Take a Hike 2011 Schedule:

**June 18:** Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve (*Roger Craig, retired 49er football player and regular runner in Edgewood Park, will be leading a run on the Edgewood trail loop*)

**July 9:** Huddart Park

**August 13:** Pillar Point Bluff

**September 24:** San Pedro Valley in Pacifica

**October 29:** Coyote Point

**November 25:** Pick a Park, Take a Hike

For more information about "Take a Hike," please visit [www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/parks](http://www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/parks) and click on the "Events" tab.

### Become a Docent at Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve

Docent opportunities at Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve will double in 2011 when the Bill and Jean Lane Education Center opens this Spring.



For more information please call (866) 463-3439 or email [EdCenterCoordinator@friendsofedgeswood.org](mailto:EdCenterCoordinator@friendsofedgeswood.org).

### Join the Edgewood Weed Warriors



Weed Warriors help combat invasive plant species in Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve. Volunteers usually meet Friday mornings at 9 a.m. throughout the year, and selected Saturdays mornings throughout the year. For a complete schedule and more information visit: [www.friendsofedgeswood/weeding.org](http://www.friendsofedgeswood/weeding.org).

For more information on San Mateo County Parks visit [www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/parks](http://www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/parks)

### Interested in more news from San Mateo County?

Residents of Emerald Hills are encouraged to check out San Mateo County's blog for residents in the unincorporated areas, SMC News [www.smcnews.wordpress.com](http://www.smcnews.wordpress.com).

Check out SMC News for information on Board of Supervisors' agenda items, updates from San Mateo County departments and other news and information that is relevant to residents like you. Comments on entries are welcomed and encouraged. Any questions? Contact Liz Henton, the blog manager, at [SMCNews@co.sanmateo.ca.us](mailto:SMCNews@co.sanmateo.ca.us)



## Green Tips from San Mateo County

There are plenty of actions you can take everyday to help the environment. San Mateo County has a number of programs and services to make it easier than ever to "Go Green."

### Tips on how to Reduce Waste

- Take reusable grocery bags to the market (avoid having groceries packed in plastic shopping bags)



- Take advantage of new curbside compost collection services offered through Recology in San Mateo County. Avoid throwing food waste and soiled paper products in the trash. Visit [www.recologysanmateo.com](http://www.recologysanmateo.com) for more information.



- Visit the San Mateo County Recycle Works site for information on where to recycle unusual items like appliances, e-waste, and hazardous waste. <http://www.recycleworks.org/cgi-bin/bin/user/searchdatabases.pl>



- Reduce the amount of junk mail you receive. Visit the Recycle Works site to learn tips for getting off mailing lists. <http://www.recycleworks.org/junkmail/residential.html>



### Tips on how to help lower Carbon Emissions

- **Buy and eat locally**

Buy locally produced food by shopping at farmer's markets and dining at restaurants that purchase products from local farmers. Buying food produced in San Mateo County supports local farms and helps reduce carbon emissions used to transport food long distances.



For a complete list of San Mateo County Farmer's Markets or a list of restaurants in San Mateo County who are buying locally, please visit the "As Fresh as it Gets" website at <http://www.freshasitgets.com/>.

- **Reduce energy use in your home.**

Did you know that 25% of carbon emissions are due to energy used in our homes?

You can help by purchasing energy efficient appliances and compact fluorescent light bulbs to reduce electricity use in your home. It will benefit the environment and

will also help you save money on your utility bill! There are numerous rebates currently available through Energy Star to help lower the cost of energy efficient appliances. Learn more by visiting [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) to learn more.



Make comprehensive energy improvements to your home that reduce your energy use (particularly natural gas usage) and lower your PG&E bill. Act now to receive rebates offered by PG&E in

the Energy Upgrade California program. Learn more by visiting [www.EnergyUpgradeCa.org](http://www.EnergyUpgradeCa.org) or calling the San Mateo County Energy Upgrade California program at (650) 762-5440.



For more green tips, visit [www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/green](http://www.co.sanmateo.ca.us/green).

### Be Informed About Possible Emergencies



The best protection during an emergency is to be informed.

The more you know about natural and other disasters the better prepared you will be. There are important differences among potential emergencies in San Mateo County that impact the decisions you make and the actions you take to prepare and respond.

### Basic Actions to Prepare Anywhere!

- > Protect Your Relationships, Identity and Valuables
- > Make a Plan – Practice and Communicate
- > Prepare Kits for Home, Work, and Auto
- > Get Trained and Get Involved

### Why One Week Instead of 72 Hour Preparedness?

Most local, state, and national organizations are still promoting the 72 hour concept. In a large-scale event, such as a significant earthquake in the Bay Area, it may take longer than 72 hours before agencies can get supplies and support to all our residents. In an effort to realistically plan for disasters in our county, we encourage you to be prepared to survive on your own for up to one week.

### Why Prepare?

A little preparation can make a big difference in an emergency situation. Find out more and get **checklists** to help you get ready at [home](#), at [work](#), and in your [community](#). Get ready today!

For more information, please visit [www.smcready.org](http://www.smcready.org).

## Bay Division Pipeline Coming to Emerald Hills

Maureen Barry, SFPUC WSIP Communications



### HETCH HETCHY WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

This summer, the contractor for the new Bay Division pipeline will be working at Bennett and Cordilleras Road. Neighbors will receive specific information about how the project will proceed closer to construction. The project will close Edgewood Road one weekend this summer,

between Friday evening and Monday morning, and residents and commuters will be notified well in advance of this closure. The project team is meeting with representatives of the homeowners associations to ensure we minimize impacts of construction as much as possible.

The weather hampered our restoration of fencing and driveways earlier this year, but the project anticipates making good progress over the next four months. The Bay Division pipeline will be completed by late summer. When complete, this pipeline will ensure that residences and businesses will continue to receive the highest quality drinking water even in the event of an earthquake or other catastrophe.

Please check out our project blog for weekly updates <http://wsipbdpl5peninsula.blogspot.com/>. We update it to keep all residents along the alignment current with our progress. You can also join our RSS feed, and you will be automatically updated as we post to the blog. If you have specific questions or concerns, you may reach us 24-hours a day at 1 (866) 973-1476.

Over the past few years, many of you came to know Christina Kerby, the project's community liaison. Recently, she accepted a position with Kaiser Permanente, which is much closer to her home in the East Bay. Going forward, Tiffany Refuerzo and Lilia Ledezma will be your new construction community liaisons for this project.



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## Let's Keep Up the Momentum in 2011

A Message From EHHA Treasurer, Tim Farrar

At the end of 2010, the Association had \$2,197 in the bank, with receivables for advertisements totaling a further \$1,000. Donations during 2010 totaled \$3,265 from 77



residents and we have also received a total of \$5,375 in advertising for the newsletters. In addition, we received \$375 in picnic receipts and polo shirt sales, bringing the total income up to \$9,015, which was slightly lower than the income of \$10,039 in 2009. The major cause of this shortfall was lower donations than in the previous year, although this was partially offset by a significant increase in advertising income. Newsletter printing and postage in 2011 cost \$8,490, reflecting the increased printing costs caused by changes in postal regulations. However, expenses for the picnic were lower than last year, reflecting the generous donation of the food by the Canyon Inn. As a result, total expenditure for 2010 (including the annual meeting costs and the PO Box rent) was \$9,775, leaving the Association with a deficit of \$760 for the full year.

So far, in 2011, we have received donations totaling \$1,120 from 28 residents, plus adverts totaling \$1,250 for the current newsletter. We hope that you will support us in sustaining this good start to the year, so that we have sufficient funding for both the newsletter and the picnic during 2011.



We hope that you enjoy reading the newsletter: please do let advertisers know if you see their ad so that they know it's money well spent, as we are 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!



## 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.emeraldhills.org](http://www.emeraldhills.org).



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