

# The Highlands lowdown

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## LAFCo Report Generates Concern in the Highlands and CSA1

by Sam Naifeh

With over 150 attending during a holiday week, County Service Area 1 (CSA1) residents showed their concern about the inadequate LAFCo office reports on our local district services. Residents were sent a notice less than two weeks before the state of California held a meeting at the Highlands School about our district tax structure on February 20. Residents and representatives of CSA1 questioned the report composed of general comments recommending annexation of our area independent districts, including the Highlands Recreation District, to the City of San Mateo. The report claimed in vague generalities that bigger is always better for our local districts.

Annexation would mean the loss of control or influence over services that are today addressing our communities' very specific needs. The loss would only make sense if there was a proven significant reduction in the cost of the services to our residents. The LAFCo

report not only doesn't evidence any savings in delivering the services, it also doesn't explain how potential savings would translate to cost reduction for CSA1 residents. The LAFCo report's pledge for annexation as a blank check from our area communities is therefore not acceptable. It is critical that our residents express their opposition to the report, and/or their support of our current specific community-controlled services. Failure to do so could lead to interpretation that the report is acceptable.

**Please plan to attend the Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCo) meeting about our CSA1 local district services at 2 p.m. on March 20, in the Board of Supervisors chambers at the County Government Center in Redwood City. If you cannot attend, please send your comments to [water-tankhill@yahoo.com](mailto:water-tankhill@yahoo.com)**

## Volunteer for Our 2013 July 4th Celebrations

by JP Bernard



Just a little less than four months to go until the Highlands joins in its annual celebration. It's time to think about what role you will play in the event. On the night of our July 3rd fireworks, can you bake for the cookie sale, help with the public address system, or stay to clean up?

On the 4th, can you help register the floats and the paraders, set up the midway games, staff them, cook

or serve at the food booth, sell tickets?

These are just some of the volunteer opportunities for the celebration. Start thinking about where you will do your part. To volunteer, Call J.P. Bernard, 357-7644. For July 3rd activities, email JP Bernard at [jpy-bernard@att.net](mailto:jpy-bernard@att.net), and for July 4th activities, email Rob Voice at [rob\\_voice@yahoo.com](mailto:rob_voice@yahoo.com). Your participation is appreciated.

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### HRD Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 7 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

### lowdown Deadline

Friday, March 30

### HCA Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 7:30 p.m.

Multipurpose Room

## FROM THE HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Rick Priola

**LAFCo:** Recently it's been a very busy time for the Highlands and the HCA. I want to thank all the Highlands residents who attended the LAFCo meeting on February 20. Together with residents of the other neighborhoods in County Service District 1 (CSA1), they raised questions and described their concerns with the LAFCO report about the districts serving the Highlands and CSA1, especially with what seems to be their leaning to annexation. Sam Naifeh's article on page one of this *lowdown* details the reasons for these concerns and reminds us to attend the next LAFCo meeting on March 20 at 2 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors Chambers in Redwood City. We need to have a good showing at that meeting too. Sam's article also has information about where to send comments, if you can't attend the meeting.

**Public Safety:** During the last week of February there were three burglaries in the Highlands. Other nearby neighborhoods have also experienced break-ins and burglaries. Most of the Highlands homes were entered by glass doors being pried open, or front doors being smashed. There have also been recent car burglaries. The Sheriff's Deputies who attend the HCA meeting have often told us to make sure not to leave valuables in our cars, and keep our home and car doors locked. But there's more we can do.

The crooks aren't stupid. They want to do their crimes when nobody's at home, and knocking on doors to see if anybody answers is the way some of them find out. So we need to keep our eyes open. We need to get to know our neighbors and recognize their cars, their family, and the people who work for them. We need to trim overgrown bushes that might provide cover for crooks. When we see someone or something that seems suspicious, the deputies who provide our police services tell us to call the Sheriff's office at 363-4911. We are

urged not to confront any suspicious person ourselves and to call 911 if we think a crime is taking place.

**Radio Tower Project:** At the February HCA meeting, Steve Dupré, a project manager working with the San Mateo County Sheriff's office and the Information Services Department on a public safety radio project, came to our meeting to get the Highlands reaction to a plan to relocate an 80-foot radio tower that has to be moved from its current location in Skylawn cemetery. Their plan is to move it to a location near the Youth Services Center. Residents had several concerns about the project and made their points well.

**Sewers:** Please see the article on page 10 about the effort to get CSA1 reimbursed for sewer overcharges..

As always, I look forward to meeting you and seeing you at the HCA meetings. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to get in touch with me at HCApres@gmail.com

**HCA Meeting March 26, 2013, 7:30 p.m.****Agenda**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Review and Approval of the Minutes
- III. Sheriff's Dept/CHP/CDR Cal Fire
- IV. Reports
  - A. First Vice President
  - B. Second Vice President
  - C. Treasurer
  - D. Membership
  - E. *lowdown*
- F. Public Utilities Committee
- G. Emergency Services Committee
- H. Land Committee
- V. Old Business
- VI. New Business/Announcements
- VII. Adjournment

**HCA Board Officers for 2013**

<b>President:</b>	<b>Rick Priola</b>	<b>574-8313</b>
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	<b>Liesje Nicolas</b>	<b>773-7805</b>
<b>Second VP:</b>	<b>Jean-Pierre Bernard</b>	<b>357-7644</b>
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<b>lowdown Editor:</b>	<b>Dorothy Greene</b>	<b>341-1752</b>

**HCA Committee Chairs for 2013**

<b>Land:</b>	<b>Sam Naifeh</b>	<b>572-8787</b>
<b>Public Utilities Co-Chairs:</b>	<b>James Goodman</b>	<b>372-0986</b>
	<b>Wil Pinney</b>	<b>345-2546</b>
<b>Emergency Services:</b>	<b>Pam Merkadeau</b>	<b>280-9046</b>
<b>Membership Co-Chairs:</b>	<b>Kim Nations</b>	<b>415-505-3866</b>
	<b>Colin Dasanjh</b>	

HCA MINUTES

**HCA Meeting February 26, 2013,**

by Denise Haas, Secretary

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by President Rick Priola at 7:33 p.m.

II. Review and Approval of the Minutes – James Goodman requested a modification to the January 2013 minutes: the reported pipeline completion should have read “gas pipeline” not “water pipeline. A motion to approve the modified minutes of Jan 22, 2013, was moved by JP Bernard, seconded by James Goodman, and carried unanimously.

III. Sheriff’s Department/ California Highway Patrol/CDF -

Cal Fire reported that a total of 61 calls were made to Station 17, the majority being medical calls.

IV. Reports

A. First Vice President – Liesje Nicolas reported that the Highlands Recreation District (HRD) has a new Board President, Michelle McNeil, and Vice President, Pam Merkadeau. The HRD held a meeting concerning the Rec’s parking situation and plan to hire a traffic consultant. The Rec also plans to respond to the report made to the County LAFCo Commission.

B. Second Vice President – JP Bernard reported on the recent meeting for the 3rd – 4th July festivities. A replacement for the public address/music portion of the event is needed. Dianne Weitzel is working on the parade and welcomes nomi-

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nations for the Grand Marshal as well as suggestions for this year’s theme.

A resolution was proposed to formally thank County Supervisor Dave Pine for his support of the Highlands. Additionally, the group also thanked Bob Gutierrez for his many years of service to the HCA

providing the PA and music for the 3rd and 4th of July.

C. Treasurer – David Krakower presented the 2013 budget; JP Bernard moved to approve the budget. James Goodman seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

D. Membership – Kim Nations announced that the Area Reps will begin going door to door for the membership drive.

E. lowdown – Dorothy Greene announced that the March lowdown deadline is March 1.

F. Public Utilities Committee – Steve Dupuis from the County Public Safety group addressed the HCA concerning a proposed 80-foot radio tower placed next to the Youth Center. The radio tower is essential to the County emergency services. The current tower is located at Skylawn Cemetery. The tower must be moved from this location because

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## HIGHLANDS RECREATION CENTER NEWS

**Spring has sprung  
at the Rec!****Pancakes and a Big Bunny**

The fun begins on March 30 at 9:30 a.m. with the Annual Pancake Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt, and then an Underwater Easter Egg Hunt! The Easter Bunny arrives at 10 a.m.  
**Breakfast and Egg Hunt: \$5/person**

**Underwater Egg Hunt**

**Sat. March 30 Starts at 11:30 a.m.**

Come straight to the pool after the Eggstravaganza and join in the fun of hunting for eggs underwater! Entrance fee \$6. There will be delicious goodies for sale and lots of fun prizes!

Attention! We will once again be giving away wooden nickels at the Eggstravaganza and underwater egg hunt. They are good for half off the pool membership registration fee!

**Kids Nite Out**

**Fri 4/12 6-10 p.m.**

Drop your kids at the Rec for the evening. Pre-Registration required, Call the Rec for details. Pizza dinner and movie provided.

**K-8 Grades \$30 per child**  
**\$5 sibling discount**  
**Location: Social Room**

**Spring Camp 2013**

**3/29/13 – 4/5/13**

Don't miss the fun! Sign up now!  
**7:30 a.m.-- 6 p.m. (10.5 hrs. of care)**  
**Fee \$65/70 \$5 sibling discount**  
**Field Trip Only Day Rate \$75/80**  
**Weekly Rate \$260/265**

**Summer Fun Zone 2013****Cartoon Craze**

Summer's right around the corner and we're thinking fun, fun, fun! The Rec is excited to host a 10-week Summer Camp jam-packed with amazing games and activities such as arts, science, cooking, hiking, sports, and swimming. Each themed week will include a field trip to a different

spectacular locations throughout the Bay Area. Reserve your spot now, as these weeks fill quickly.

**7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. (10.5 hrs. of care)**

**Weekly Fee \$260/275**

**Week 3 (Closed 7/4) \$215/230**

**\$5 sibling discount**

Week 1(6/17-6/21) Boomers  
Week 2 (6/24-6/28) Marine World  
Week 3 (7/1-7/5) Video Game Truck  
Week 4 (7/8-7/12) Cull Canyon  
Swim Lake  
Week 5 (7/15-7/19) Golfland  
Week 6 (7/22-7/26) Blackberry Farm  
Week 7 (7/29-8/2) Sea Bowl/Beach  
Week 8 (8/5-8/9) Raging Waters  
Week 9 (8/12-8/16) Huddart Park  
Week 10 (8/19-8/23) Tanforan Mall  
Movie Theatre

**Now Hiring!**

The Highlands Recreation Center is currently hiring lifeguards and swim instructors to work a variety of hours. Please contact Bryce for more info at 650-341-4251, or email [brycer@highlandsrec.ca.gov](mailto:brycer@highlandsrec.ca.gov)

**Lifeguard Training**

This program will certify the passing student in CPR for the Professional Rescuer, First Aid and Lifeguard Training. Students must be 15 years old or older (proof of age must be shown at the first meeting)

and pass a water skills test to be admitted into the class. Bring class material, swim suit, towel and comfortable clothing. **MUST ATTEND ALL CLASSES PER SESSION!**  
**M-Th 4/1-4/4 8 a.m.-5 p.m. \$215/220**

**Highlands Rec T-Ball (Coed)**

**Sat 3/23-5/18 Junior 9-10:15 a.m.**  
**Sat 3/23-5/18 Pee-Wee 9-2:45 p.m.**  
**Fees: \$80/85 /player, \$5/sibling disc.**  
**Location: Highlands School grass field (off Bunker Hill Exit)**

**Highlands Rec Tennis**

**Sat 3/24-4/28 1-2 p.m. \$50/55**  
**Location: Tennis Courts**  
**Ages 3-13 No Class 3/31.**

**Peninsula Music Together**

**W 4/10-6/12 9:30-10:15 a.m. \$158/163**  
**W 4/10-6/12 10:30-11:15 a.m. \$158/163**  
**W 4/10-6/12 4:30-5:15 p.m. \$158/163**

Additional \$43 material fee includes: CD's, illustrated songbook and parent guide DVD. Make check payable to PenMT and give it to the instructor on the first day of class. Sibling discount available, siblings 8 months and younger are free.  
**Ages: 3 months to 4 years**  
**Location: Multipurpose Room**  
**Instructors: Peninsula Music Together.**

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*Planning for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration is underway. It's even more fun when you volunteer. Call and offer your support!*



COMMUNITY NEWS

# Meet the Area Reps - Your HCA Ambassadors

by Dorothy Greene

The faces in the photo are those of HCA Area Reps--a crew of volunteers, each of whom represents a segment of the Highlands. This is the season when you may see them walking around their areas, reminding their neighbors that it's HCA membership time—time to join or renew membership in the HCA. Together with membership co-chairs Kim Nations and Colin Dasanjh, they plan the annual membership campaign. They attend HCA meetings and are the liaisons with their



*From left, standing: Florence Beier, Eva Voisin, Kim Nations, Davis Barch, James Goodman, Phil Dixon, J.P. Bernard, Jack Kundin, Dixon Reilley, Paul Voisin. Sitting: Liesje Nicolas with helper Jaak, Arlene Dixon, Aleth Reilley. Area Reps not photographed: Colin Dasanjh, Margaret Errington, Bob Gutierrez, Betty Jue, David Krakower, Etienne Vick, Michael Xie, and Cindy Zhou*

areas when issues arise. They help link our community together. Old and new residents agree that the Highlands is a wonderful place to raise a family and is different from many suburban neighborhoods in the way residents become involved with each other, as friends and as co-workers in the effort to maintain our quality of life. HCA activities have a lot to do with it. Your annual \$30 membership makes it possible. Join the HCA. You'll never find a better bargain!





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**Senior Network News**

by Barbra Cohn



Game day was a ball! Twenty of us gathered, lunched, played a bunch of card, board, etc. games; talked a lot; and generally enjoyed the afternoon. In fact, we liked it all so much that another is in the planning. So when we get the act together, consider joining the group, seeing old friends or making new ones, and having a great afternoon. Scrabble, anyone?

And so to April. On the 24th we are looking forward to an important and interesting event. An advance health directive is something we all agree is something we should do. And some of us do have one. But now we hear that the old model is not quite right. And so Eva Voisin has volunteered to take us through

the maze of a Directive, the Vial of Life, and a shocking pink POLST (whatever that may be).

We'll go through the forms and fill in the blanks. And if you wish, we can witness and notarize the whole thing. Put the date on your calendar, RSVP to Cliff, 349-5290, (so we have enough chairs), and plan on attending this really essential seminar. And the reward? Show up at 10 a.m. in the lobby of 2000 Alameda de las Pulgas, do the seminar, and then, what else? Lunch.

We'll trundle over to Celia's for some spicy Mexican food. As always, Jeff is available for transport from the Rec. Do come.

**Highlands Book Club**

by Jo Nassutti



We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:15 in Multipurpose Room B in the child care center, south of the main Rec Center building

The book for **April 2** is **Book of Mormon Girl** by **Joanna Brooks**. This biographical novel is about moving from the innocence of childhood into the complications and problems of adulthood with its privileges and problems.

On **May 7** we will discuss **Following Atticus: Forty-Eight High Peaks, One Little Dog, and an Extraordinary Friendship** by **Tom Ryan**. This book is for dog lovers and those who enjoy the great outdoors, as well as anyone who appreciates reading a good story.

Questions, call Betty O'Connor at 650-345-9764. Curious, come by and

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HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

**Upcoming Events and Activities at CSM**

by Valerie Anderson, President's Office Coordinator



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**Free Tax Preparation at CSM Saturdays, now through 3/30 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Bldg. 14, Rm. 104**  
More information: 650-378-7323  
[collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events](http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events)

**Jazz Under the Stars First Quarter Moon Star Party! Sat., March 16, 7 – 10 p.m.**  
**CSM Science Bldg. 36 - Rooftop**  
[collegeofsanmateo.edu/astronomy/jazz](http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/astronomy/jazz)

**CSM Jazz Ensemble Concert Mon., March 18, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.**  
**CSM Theatre \$5 admission**  
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**Spring into Health - CSM's Spring Health Fair Wed., March 27, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**  
[collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events](http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events)

**CSM's Connect to College A Night of Information for High School Seniors & Parents Thurs., April 11, 6 – 8:30 p.m.**  
[collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events](http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events)

**Jazz on the Hill Returns to CSM! Sat., June 1, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.**  
**Free Community Event**  
[collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events](http://collegeofsanmateo.edu/calendar/events)

**Highlands Education Enrichment Fund**

by Etienne Vick

The Highlands Education Enrichment Fund (HEEF) is a PTA fund created to supplement the cost of education for our school and is the most efficient fundraising program we have.

This year our overall fundraising goal is \$245,000. It is our hope to raise 60% of our goal through HEEF donations alone, and to continue to limit the number of additional fundraisers we hold throughout the year. Community contributions of all amounts are welcome.

**What does the fund provide?**

**Art** – Art in Action program for all classes.

**Music** – Music for all classes, all year.

**Library** – support for Library Aide, more library hours for all children.

**Physical Education** – support for PE teachers to let children have needed outside exercise time AND

enable classroom teachers to work with small groups on reading and math.

**Technology Program** – equips, maintains and staffs our computer lab AND maintains computers in every classroom.

**Additional HET Staff Training** – Lifeskills and the “Highly Effective Teaching” approach is a valuable differentiator for Highlands and helps to educate the “whole” child. PTA provides training resources.

**Assemblies & Study Trips** – for all grades, which enhance the magical school spirit, multi-cultural education, and diversity ever present at Highlands.

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of an expiring lease. James Goodman requested information about tower frequency, power, and whether this tower has the potential to be a co-location. Residents also want assurance that the tower placement would go through the planning process and not bypass this process as happened in the case of the Youth Center.

### G. Emergency Services

**Committee** – No report

**H. Land Committee** – No report

**III. Old Business** – LAFCo Update  
From 2-20-2013 meeting

The LAFCo final report to the County Board is scheduled for March 20. JP Bernard commented that it does not seem that the LAFCo report benefits Highlands residents and may be a push for annexation to the City of San Mateo. Sam Naifeh proposed a resolution that the HCA draft a letter formally stating that our neighborhood does not want any change in service; we do not want to

lose the service of the HRD, County Sheriff, or County Fire, and we do not want our 3rd – 4th July celebrations to end. JP Bernard seconded the resolution and it was passed unanimously.

### VI. New Business/ Announcements

Because of the passage in last November's election of Measure B, which amended the county charter to require that supervisors be elected by district rather than by an at-large vote of the entire county, the Board of Supervisors has begun a process of reexamining current district lines and considering whether district changes are necessary.

There will be five public hearings on this matter from now through October 8. Applicants are sought from the public for membership on the redistricting committee.

**VII. Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

### Neighborhood Alert!

**In early March the Sheriff's office alerted residents to a rash of auto burglaries in nearby neighborhoods. The Highlands had similar burglaries in late February. Vehicles were burglarized at night. Residents are reminded to lock our cars and not keep valuables in them. Report any suspicious vehicles, people or activity to the Sheriff's office, 363-4911.**



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COMMUNITY AND UMC NEWS

### Sheriff's Office Uses Social Media

by Lieutenant Edmund Barberini

The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office is embracing the benefits of modern technology! The Sheriff is excited to announce we are now represented online in several forms of Social Media including Twitter, Facebook, and our own San Mateo County Sheriff's Office Alert System.

Recent studies have shown that Twitter, in particular, has been a vital resource in transmitting real-time, life-saving information during periods of devastation or mass destruction such as Hurricane Katrina. It has also proven invaluable in dissemination of updates in major events like the tragic shootings in Newtown or Southern California.

We actively use Twitter to provide critical updates to our community and to provide a path to our Sheriff's Office website. We encourage you to review our Facebook page for a more in depth look into the variety of events and opportunities offered by the Sheriff's Office.

In line with this vision of utilizing Social Media and all they have to offer,

the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office held its first ever Virtual Ride Along on the evening of Saturday, March 2. During this Virtual Ride Along, citizens were able to experience, first-hand, a night on duty with a Deputy Sheriff in their community. This is just one of the many ways the Sheriff's Office plans to utilize social media and the opportunities they provide to connect with the online generation. See the information below to see where we are and what we are up to. If you like what you see, we encourage you to "like us" on Twitter and Facebook.

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### UMC Activities

by Steve Schlichter

#### Easter

**Lenten Day of Prayer-** Sat. 3/23  
9:30 a.m.- noon

**Palm Sunday - 3/24**  
Drama Service: 10 a.m.

**Thursday - 3/28**  
Seder Meal and Upper Room  
Drama Service 6:30 p.m. .

**Good Friday Vigil - 3/29**  
noon to 8 p.m.

**Easter Sunday - 3/31**  
Drama Service 10 a.m.

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## UMC AND COMMUNITY NEWS

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**FUNDamental HOOPS**

Sat. 4/6-5/18

age 4 9:15-9:40 a.m. \$75/80  
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 ages 7 & 8 10:15-11:10 a.m. \$105/110  
 ages 9 & 10 11:15 a.m.-12:10 p.m.  
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 ages 11&12 12:15-1:10 p.m. \$105/110

Boys and girls will learn the FUNDamentals of basketball in a supportive, relaxed environment and work on shooting, dribbling & foot-work basics with Coach Tony and Coach Mike. Participants will receive a t-shirt. **Ages: 4 to 12 years old**

**Location: Rec Center Gym****Instructors: Tony & Mike Ciardella****Children's Drawing****Springtime Fun with Young****Rembrandts****F 4/26-6/73: 30-4:30 p.m. \$100/105****No class: 5/24 Ages: 5-12 years old****Location: Multipurpose Room.**

Instructor: Debbie Maine

(Highlands Teacher – remember the bone song and the scat song?) See the Activity Guide or the website for more info.

**Boosting Your Child's Self Esteem****W 4/17 10- 11:30 a.m.****\$35/40****Th 4/18 7-8:30 p.m. \$35/40****Ages: Parents of Children of all****Ages. Location: Rec Center MPR****Instructor: Michelle Joelsen**

See the Activity Guide or the website for more info.

**Aqua Track****Ongoing class; MWF 8-9 a.m.**

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10 visits: \$70; 20 visits: \$120

No Class: 3/25

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No Class 3/25

**Arthritis Aerobics****Ongoing class. Join anytime!****W 11:05am-noon \$39/44 /mo.**

## LAFCo Review Draws Attention Back to Sewer Overbilling

by Rick Priola

Because of erroneous volume meter readings, CSA1 residents have been overbilled for years for sewage transport and treatment. The wrongful billing was uncovered three to four years ago and officially confirmed two years ago with the implementation of a new meter. CSA1 associations have worked with San Mateo County Department of Public Works, operating in this instance as the Crystal Springs Sanitation District agent, to recover overcharges. This currently is unresolved.

By drawing residents' attention to the services provided by the Crystal Springs Sanitation District, the contested LAFCo review of CSA1 County services revealed that no progress has been made over recent months to repair the financial prejudice. Reparation should be expected at two levels:

- correct the current and past billings
- agree to reset fee levels based on accurate meter readings.

Wishing to step up our efforts and focus on correct sanitation billing, I have, as HCA President, created a task-force that will work with other CSA1 homeowners associations and be the channel of communication with the Sanitation District for the HCA. Members of the task force are: myself (Rick Priola), Sam Naifeh and JP Bernard. Its members will also seek support and advice from Cary Wiest, former HCA president, who initiated discussion on overpayment with the Sanitation District, and will identify appropriate means to defend residents' interests.

Progress reporting and recommendations will be presented at HCA monthly board meetings.

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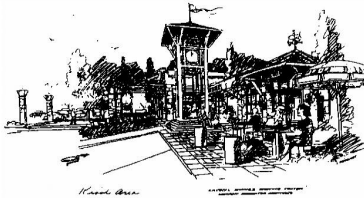
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## A VIEW FROM THE HIGHLANDS

### Bees are Busy Making Local Honey Here

by Florence Beier



The sweetest man in the Highlands is Oliver Frank. At least he makes the sweetest product with his local, unfiltered honey. I went to interview him because of the delicious honey, but I found a treasure of history, house tips, horticulture, health, and humor.

Oliver, who moved to the Highlands in 1970, has been a beekeeper for 40 years because he wanted to work outdoors and make a product that is healthful. He also has a landscaping business.

Oliver grew up in Hillsborough in the Frank Lloyd Wright house that Eichler had rented for two years. After attending San Mateo High School and Urban School in San Francisco, he studied horticulture as CSM. With the experience of living in the prototype, Oliver wanted only an Eichler home. He added a second story for his son Adrian from his first marriage. He and his wife, Lolita, have two daughters now in college. Lolita is a gourmet cook and helps sell the honey.

Now Oliver has beehives all around this area. His bees make honey in a dozen nearby locations, for example, in Burlingame, Tunitas Creek, and Bunker Hill. The hives are serviced twice a year by Oliver or one of his four landscaping employees. If you have a swarm of bees in your shed, spa, or garden, Oliver will remove them. The pesky bees will be relocated to one of his hives.

Although he uses a net to protect his face, Oliver has no problem handling bees. He has been stung hundreds of times, but says it doesn't really bother him. He uses no chemicals in controlling bees and only occasionally smoke.

You can buy honey labeled by hive location at Oliver's house on Lexington – please call ahead to 345-2008 or 345-4546. It's also available at the Crystal Springs Produce Market and sold in bulk to folks who peddle it at farmers markets. Some of our neighbors claim that a daily spoonful of Oliver's honey, which contains local pollen, can prevent allergic reactions to our trees and flowers.

Oliver's landscaping business serves landscape designers and architects. At his business location on Amphlett, he takes advantage of the warmer, windless weather, with no deer or gophers, to raise fruit trees, vegetables, and the gorgeous orchids that adorn his entry court.

With all this energetic activity, it's hard to see how Oliver can manage with the handicap of slowly progressive multiple sclerosis. He says it slows him down, but he deals with it. Perhaps it's his sense of humor that keeps him going. His next door neighbor, Bill Ainsley, joined us for the interview. They are such good friends that they went to Tahiti together in 1982. Bill tells the story of moving in next door to Oliver. The first day he received a nice potted plant. The next day Oliver came over with a rattlesnake in a pillowcase.