

The Highlands lowdown

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Community Input On The Youth Services Center Is Welcomed

by Stuart Forrest, Chief Probation Officer, San Mateo County



exchanged about the deconstruction of the Hillcrest facility has been timely, accurate, and broadly distributed. Major security lapses have been addressed, and structural problems are being corrected.

During the next few weeks, I would like to meet with Highlands residents to discuss

As a Highland's resident for over 50 years, I came to the position of Chief Probation Officer determined that the Youth Services Center will make every effort to be a good neighbor to my community. This effort includes:

- Maintaining security measures that protect the community as well as the facility
- Encouraging input and dialog about department-community issues
- Providing the most reliable information available.

So far, I feel that the collaboration between department staff and representatives of the Highlands Community Association has been productive and mutually supportive. As a result, information

the condition of the berm, or barrier, which separates the facility from homes on Cobblehill Place, Allegheny Way, and Ticonderoga Drive. This is a major issue that impacts community and facility safety as well as the ability for adjacent homeowners to enjoy the security and privacy of their properties.

For several months, various security and landscaping options have been thoroughly studied. We now require your input after you have an opportunity to see and hear clear and reliable information.

The meeting (date, time, location) will be announced through the mail and Internet. Your participation will be greatly appreciated.

Highlands Community Association Election

The annual election of the HCA Board of Directors takes place at the November General Meeting. Nominations take place at the October meeting.

Come out and participate!
Questions? email jpbernard@att.net

HRD Meeting

Tuesday, November 9, 7 p.m.
Rec Center Social Room

lowdown Deadline

Friday, November 5

HCA Meeting

Tuesday, October 26, 7:30 p.m.
Rec Center Social Room

FROM THE HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Rick Priola
HCA President

Indian summer weather has come back as this *lowdown* is being prepared and children are already concentrating on their Halloween costumes. No matter what the weather will be like on that holiday night, if you're driving, be sure to keep your eyes open for kids who don't always watch where they're going when they're excited and wearing masks.

Check page 4 for information about the Rec Center's Halloween Family Fun Night. It's always a winner.

Youth Services Center: The September HCA meeting heard a presentation about the Youth Services Center by San Mateo County's Chief Probation Officer (and Highlands resident), Stuart Forrest. He emphasized the importance of keeping our neighborhood informed about the facility's plans and receiving our feedback. We will be meeting with him on Oct. 18. See his article on page 1 of this *lowdown*, which explains the process he intends to initiate for this interaction.

HCA Board Election: At the October HCA meeting, the Nominating Committee will present a slate of nominees for the 2011 HCA Board of Directors, and the floor will be open for nominations. The election takes place at the November meeting. With questions or for more information, e-mail jpbarnard@att.net.

New Garbage Cans: I don't think I'm the only one who is a little confused about the different categories of garbage and trash that we will be dealing with when the new company's program goes into effect. The required composting will begin after January 1. If you have any questions or are not sure about any part of the garbage and trash collection, call (650) 595-3900. You won't be put on hold, and you'll get the information you need promptly.

Highlands School PTA: You can support Highlands School and get rid of those used printer ink cartridges that somehow manage to pile up by dropping them off at the school office for recycling. This is one

of the PTA fundraising projects that support the school's educational programs. See the article on page 9 for other ways you can help the hard-working PTA volunteers.

Sad News: I was very sorry to learn of the deaths of two long-time Highlands residents, Nancy Risso and Caroline Bookspun. Nancy passed away in September. She and her family purchased their Highlands home when it was only a year old. Many remember her late husband, cartoonist Mario, and his designs for July 4th t-shirts. Their son Steve is currently a Rec employee.

Caroline lost her long battle with leukemia on October 8. She and husband Arnie also raised their family in the Highlands. Their son Mike also worked at the Rec for a while after college. A celebration of Caroline's life will take place in a month or two.

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 contact me at hcapres@gmail.com

**HCA Meeting Tuesday, October 26, 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. Treasurer's Report
- V. 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
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business/Announcements

HCA Board Officers for 2010

President:	Rick Priola	574-8313
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Second VP:	Gene McKenna	346-7348
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lowdown Editor:	Dorothy Greene	341-1752
lowdown Co-Editor:	James Nemschoff	570-5023

HCA Committee Chairs for 2010

Land:	Sam Naifeh	572-8787
Public Utilities:	Wil Pinney	345-2546
Emergency Services:	Pam Merkadeau	280-9046
Membership:	Liesje Nicolas	773-7805
Technology:	Beverley Madden	574-1593

HCA MINUTES

by Denise Haas, Secretary

HCA Meeting

Tuesday September 28, 2010

I. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 7:39 p.m. by President Rick Priola.

II. Review & Approval of the Minutes – Motion to approve the minutes of July 27, 2010, was moved by Wil Pinney, seconded by David Krakower, and carried unanimously.

III. Sheriff's Department/ California Highway Patrol/CDF Deputy Ward reminds residents to call the Sheriff if concerned about solicitors. Cal Fire is working with the HRD to offer CERT training for residents in October.

IV. Reports

A. 1st Vice-President – J.P. Bernard announced that the HRD budget was passed in August. Margaret Glomstad reported on repairs to the Rec Center deck, pool resurfacing, and the proposed child development center funding. J.P. Bernard reported that he is forming a nominating committee for the HCA Board elections.

B. 2nd Vice-President – no report

C. Treasurer – David Krakower presented the balance sheet, which reflects a surplus at this time.

D. Membership – Liesje Nicolas reported on the membership and welcome party held in September.

E. lowdown – Dorothy Greene

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announced the deadline for submissions for the October *lowdown* is Friday, October 8.

F. Public Utilities Committee – Wil Pinney is open to questions from people who are concerned about the natural gas line. Email him at Wilpin@coastside.net. Jay Beard, a Highlands' resident, reported on information he has

gathered concerning the natural gas line the runs under/near homes in the north part of the Highlands. The Area 1 PG&E supervisor who oversees the natural gas line in our area is Frank Salguero (415) 722 7954.

G. Emergency Services Committee – no report

H. Land Committee – no report

IV. Old Business – none

V. New Business/ Announcements – Chief Probation Officer Stuart Forrest reported that in the next few weeks, the Youth Services Center would like to invite residents to discuss the security of the facility, the security of people who live near the berm, and landscaping plans. He encourages and solicits feedback from residents.

VI. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



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Preschool Nite Out

Friday, Nov. 5, 6-9 p.m.

Sign up your children ages 2.5-5 for a night of dinner, movie, and fun at the Rec! \$22 per child, with a \$5 sibling discount.

Halloween Family Fun Night

Friday, October 29 \$5/person

Be a part of this year's Halloween Family Fun Night 2010. Highlights include: BINGO, with multiple prizes from local businesses, Haunted House, Candy Walk, Costume Contest, and many other family-oriented activities. Don't miss out on this opportunity to meet friends in the neighborhood and enjoy a spooky night at the Highlands Recreation Center.

Highlands Hoopsters 2011

January 22-March 12

Highlands Hoopsters is right around the corner. This co-ed instructional basketball league is scheduled to run for seven weeks. Three divisions include: K-1st Grades, 2nd-3rd Grades, and 4th-5th Grades. Sign-ups begin on November 1.

Highlands Science Camp

Toyology 10/13-11/10

Mystery Science 11/17-12/15

Science Adventures changes to Highlands Science Camp. The Highlands Rec Center will now be running the Science Adventures classes, and very few changes will be made. The times and dates will be the same, with just a one-week delay on the first session. All classes will run from 12:05 to 1:30 p.m., with a built-in children's lunch time prior to the start of the class. The Highlands Rec Staff will ensure that Highlands Science Camp keeps the same quality of trained staff and selected science projects as Science Adventures during this transition period. For more information call Jeff at (650) 341-4251.

Pilates Mat Class

Wednesday, 11/3-12/15

6:30-7:30 p.m. Rec Gym

\$60/65

Pilates Mat class with instructor Laura Wratten will be back in

November. Pilates is a great class whether you are just beginning or have never practiced the technique. Pilates is a series of over 35 exercises that can be performed on the mat, including flexion, extension, lateral flexion, and rotation exercises. A combination of basic, intermediate, and advanced exercises are introduced as you develop strength, flexibility, coordination, and mental awareness. No experience is necessary; all levels are welcome.

Underwater Pumpkin Patch

Sunday, Oct 24, 2-4 p.m.



Come pick out a pumpkin at our annual aquatic pumpkin patch. Entrance is free. Carving tools will be provided. Pumpkins will cost \$6-\$11, based on size. Hot apple cider and other goodies will be for sale.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Water System Upgrades are Underway

by Dorothy Greene

Among the pleasures of life in the Highlands is our proximity to the beautiful, serene Crystal Springs Reservoir. But the reservoir is more than a stunning view from our cars or excursions on Sawyer Camp Trail. The Upper and Lower Crystal Springs Reservoirs, together with San Andreas Lake, make up the 23,000-acre Peninsula Watershed, which provides the emergency and supplementary drinking water supply to San Mateo County and the City and County of San Francisco.

Its infrastructure is old, and deterioration threatens the future of this vital resource. The City of San Francisco owns the reservoir as part of the Hetch Hetchy Regional Water System, and with the passage of a \$4.6 billion bond, the city's Public Utilities Commission (SF PUC) is launching a series of projects to address needed improvements in the system. Some will affect the roads and areas near the Highlands.

Skyline Bridge, which is the section of Skyline Boulevard atop the lower Crystal Springs Dam, was found to be seismically unsafe in 1986, and subsequent inspec-



After upgrading, this part of the Crystal Spring Dam's outlet structure will be submerged and no longer visible.

tions indicated that replacement is necessary. Demolition of the bridge will also pave the way for upgrades in the dam itself. This project got underway in early October, and

Skyline Boulevard has been closed between the southbound exit of Highway 280 and the intersection with Crystal Springs Road. This closure will last at least three years.

In late October, the Crystal Springs/San Andreas Transmission System Project will begin to upgrade the system of pipelines, structures, and facilities that move water from the reservoirs to our water pipes.

After Skyline Bridge is demolished, the SFPUC plans to add 9 feet at the top of the dam, widen the dam's spillway and enlarge the

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New Residents Welcome Party Was A Great Success



More than 60 people turned out for the HCA-sponsored Welcome Party for new residents at the Rec Park on September 21. The weather cooperated as children enjoyed the playground while their parents had a chance to meet each other and Highlands “oldies” who came out to meet the newcomers. Among the latter were HCA President Rick Priola, Sylvia Merkadeau, Florence and Rolf Beier, and Dixon Reilly. Organized by HCA Membership Chair

Liesje Nicolas and her co-host Melissa Wilson, the event featured four types of ice cream and a casual atmosphere that encouraged people to connect. The trade-mark Highlands energy was there in full force. Twenty Highlands homes have been purchased since September 2009, and there are new residents who are renters as well. All receive free six-month membership in the Rec Center from the HRD. We look forward to their joining the HCA in 2011.



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Highlands Book Group

by Jo Nassutti



The Book Club usually meets on the first Tuesday of the month, at 10:15 a.m., in the Exercise Room

at the Rec Center.

Our choice for November 2 is *Evidence of Things Unseen* by Marianne Wiggins. It has been called an uncommon masterpiece. The novel deals with the ethical and emotional issues arising from World War II and the use of an atomic bomb to bring it to an end.

Our book for December 7 is *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See. This is a vivid portrait of life in pre-war Shanghai and takes the reader through the Japanese invasion of China. The novel follows two sisters through the difficult war years and then to their immigration to the United States, where new problems confront them

Questions? call Jo Nassutti at 650-345-8915.

Curious? come by and observe.

Old School Pictures Are Still Available



Old school pictures dating back to 1957 from both Highlands and Buena Vista Schools are still at the Rec. They are free for the taking. Here's an opportunity to reminisce with your children about the "old days," and enjoy the memories.

Senior Network News

by Cliff Donley



Since living forever does not seem to be an option at this time, it is my intention to make dealing with my departure when the time comes as simple as possible for my family survivors. Preparation and maintenance of a survivor guide is essential. It is not an easy task, but with the help of some expert advice it is doable and well worth the effort.

If you have similar wishes and

are open to discussion of such matters, please come to our meeting at the Rec on November 18 at 10 a.m., and we shall talk about it. Mr. Troy Collins, President of McKinley Financial Group, will be there to share some of his experiences. We plan to provide some hand-outs and refreshments.

Holiday Potluck: Be sure to Save December 16 for a Holiday Potluck lunch at the Donleys. Look for more information in the next *lowdown*.

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Grow & Thrive This Winter with Community Education

by Lily Lau, Director of Community Education, San Mateo County Community College District

Enjoy the sunset colors of fallen leaves, the crisp, cool weather and these opportunities to nurture your mind and soul this winter. Whether you are looking to develop your skills, explore an interest, get healthier, or grow professionally, Community Education has something great for you!

Grow & Thrive! Develop your brain to the next level and thrive with Level 2 of: Guitar (starting 10/26), Conversational French (starting 10/30), Spanish (starts 10/14), or Italian (beginning 11/3). Move beyond shooting digital pictures on auto mode and expand your photography skills in Digital Photography 102 (on 10/23).

Discover! Want a great winter workout? Enjoy the art of Belly Dance for Fitness and Fun, beginning 10/28. Discover how you can become a Notary Public in one day on 11/13.

Get Ready for the Holidays Create a warm and welcoming home environment by making your own Natural Scented Festive Candles on 11/20 or prepare a beautiful centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table with

Cornucopia Floral Design on 11/21. Impress your guests with the perfect bottle of bubbly after taking Sparkling Wines Around the World on 11/6. Grace your family and friends with your personal touch and creativity by making Gifts for the Holidays in our workshop on 11/6, or Ye Olde Gingerbread House on 12/6, or Create a Unique Upcycled Shopping Bag on 11/13.

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College of San Mateo's Spring Semester (academic classes) begins January 18, 2011. The spring 2011 Schedule of Classes became available online at collegeofsanmateo.edu/schedule on October 6 and in the community (printed publication) on October 18 and 19.



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HIGHLANDS SCHOOL, UMC, AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Highlands School News

by Mary Tsao

The 2010-2011 school year is in full swing and the kids, parents, and staff are adjusting well to the new 8 a.m. start time. We hope it's working for the greater Highlands community, too.

Thank You to all of the Highlands parents and community members who have made a contribution to the Highlands Educational Enrichment Fund (HEEF). We are working on finalizing a proposal to bring music instruction to our students. This is one of the many programs directly funded by the PTA that wouldn't be possible without your support.

Recycle Ink Cartridges

Thank you also to those who support Highlands School by bringing in ink cartridges for recycling. Drop yours off at the school office. Every little bit helps.

How to Contribute

If you would like to help Highlands School with a contribution to HEEF or to learn more about the Highlands Parent Teacher Association (PTA), contact co-presidents Linda Siguenza (lin3@comcast.net) or Ed Chang (edchang8@yahoo.com).

Dates for Your Calendar

October 26 – PTA Board Meeting

October 27 – Family Dinner Night at Jack's Prime, 3723 South El Camino Real, San Mateo. It's a gourmet burger restaurant. (Tell them you're there to support Highlands Elementary!)

October 29 – Halloween Parade on the Highlands School campus

UMC News

by Christina Brown

Open Heart ~ Open Minds Open Doors

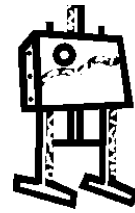
The Crystal Springs United Methodist Church is beginning a Samoan Language Ministry service. The Sunday schedule beginning in October will be as follows:

- 10:00 a.m.** Main Worship service in English
- 10:30 a.m.** Sunday school for all children
- 11:00 a.m.** Fellowship for all
- 11:30 a.m.** Children's choir for all.
- 12 noon** Samoan service
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Attention Highlands Artists

by Nancee McDonell



Silicon Valley Open Studios is now accepting applications for next spring. A group of us in the Highlands participated last May. It was a great way to show and sell our work. Check it out at www.svos.org. We can get a discount on our fee if we have a lot of participants.

The next meeting of the Highlands Art Group will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Melissa Wilson's home. For more information and to RSVP, call (650) 345-4304 or e-mail m@wilsonstuart.com.

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QuickBooks Specialist Needed

We are currently looking for a QuickBooks specialist who can help with the transfer of data from the old version to the newer version. If you can help or have a reference to someone you know, please call Jeff at the Highlands Recreation Center, (650) 341-4251.

Highlands Rec on Twitter

Please follow the Rec Center on our new Twitter account: www.twitter.com/highlandsrec. Updates will be sent regarding upcoming Events, Classes, and any news about the Rec Center.

Pool Closing

The Rec Center pool will be closed from 11/1-12/17 for retiling and refiberglassing. If you have a monthly membership, you will not be charged for that time period. If you have paid for the year, your membership will be extended the length of time the pool is closed. The Swim Team will continue to practice during this time at the College of San Mateo with the same practice hours. Please call Bryce if you have any questions at (650) 341-4251.

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stilling basin. Other projects will also follow.

See www.sfwater.org/SCT for information on all the SFPUC's local projects, and look for the

quarterly *Fact Sheet* mailed to our neighborhood. We'll try to keep you updated in the *lowdown* too.

Plans for Rec Early Education Center

by Margaret Glomstad



The Rec has almost completed a decade-long project on an Early Education Center. The plans are currently in the San Mateo County Building Department for approval. The financing of the project is also in progress. The center will feature all day care from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

to serve infants through pre-k, complete with three classrooms and two playgrounds! The new facility will also include an adult multi-purpose room complete with courtyard! In addition, the building will have an office and two bathrooms. Keep your eye out for new information on this developing story.

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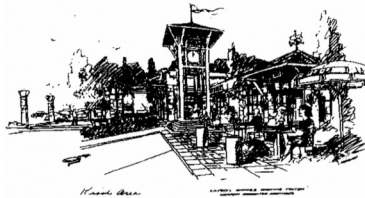
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A VIEW FROM THE HIGHLANDS

Newcomers Bring Energy, Talent, and Creativity to the Highlands

by Florence Beier



Kevin and Michelle Chen, who settled here just one month ago, are newlyweds ready to establish a family in the Highlands. Their story is so romantic!

They met for one day in Hong Kong, dated “long distance,” and then Kevin quit his good job in San Francisco to court Michelle in Hong Kong. After a civil ceremony in San Francisco, they plan another celebration in March. Kevin, a UCLA grad, is an attorney, and Michelle worked in banking and software engineering. They are trying out new ideas about carpet and paint, but mostly need furniture. When I asked what language their children-to-be would learn, Kevin replied, “negotiation.”

Eric Russell and Gretchen Michaels came here from Seattle after Eric got a new job with an on-line game company. Gretchen gave up winery work to focus on her art,



modern painting on acrylic panels. She has already joined the Highlands Art Group. With 8-year-old Elizabeth and 3-year-old Katarina happily attending Highlands School and HRD pre-school, they all feel fully involved in the community. So far in their house, they’ve removed the wall paper and painted the dark brown ceilings white. Their hobbies are surfing, cooking, and wine.

Mark Luechtefeld and Betty Chen moved next door to us in July. The former owner, Marcia Pagels, was an environmental leader, so we were all happy that Mark has been an environmental lawyer, representing San Francisco Baykeepers. Now he is in software sales. Mark and Betty came to the Highlands with 5-year-old Kati in search of a neighborly community. They report that they have found it, with friends on all sides, a block party, and the welcome event at the Rec Center. They’ve put a new slate floor in their house, and are looking forward to planting a vegetable garden, riding bikes, and hiking at Edgewood Park.

