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## Celebrate May!

AT THE CAROLANDS, A COMPLETE SUCCESS!



Harumi Nakano, Kjoura Boyd, co-chairs

Over 400 guests enjoyed a morning of strolling through the lovely French gardens, shopping at specialty boutiques, and sampling exquisite pastries and coffee. A very special thank you to our our gracious hosts, Ann and Charlie Johnson.



## Daffodils Brighten Up Our Town!

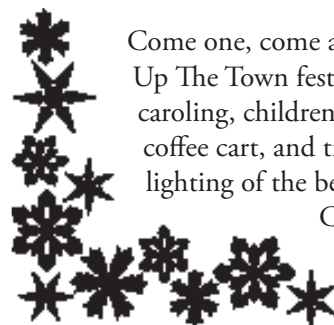
Join HBF November 8<sup>th</sup> as we continue our tradition of planting daffodils in Hillsborough. Planting in November yields beautiful blooms of yellow in February. This year we will be at the following school sites:

- South School at El Cerrito and Stonehedge, 10am
- North School at 545 Eucalyptus, 10am
- West School at 376 Barbara Way, 2pm
- Crocker School at 2600 Ralston Avenue, 2pm

Come armed with enthusiasm, shovels, trowels and gloves. For information, please contact Peggy McLaughlin at MPMclaughlin@sbcglobal.net

## HBF Invites You to Light Up The Town!

Thursday, December 3  
 5:00 p.m. at Hillsborough Town Hall



Come one, come all to HBF's annual Light Up The Town festivities at town hall. Santa, caroling, children's activities, hot chocolate, coffee cart, and treats, all lead up to the lighting of the beautiful evergreen trees.

Celebrate with HBF in the joy of our beautiful community.



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## TOWN ENTRANCE AT HIGHWAY 280 TO BE TRANSFORMED!

HBF and the Town of Hillsborough...Working Together



Sketch courtesy of Harumi Nakano

The entrance into west Hillsborough is undergoing a complete transformation. Thanks to the efforts of Cinnie Magowan, of the Hillsborough Beautification Foundation, and cooperation from the town of Hillsborough, this long-awaited project is finally underway!

Under Cinnie's leadership and three years of her thoughtful planning and hard work, the project recently broke ground. John Roberts of John Northmore Roberts & Associates, Landscape Architecture and Land Planning, designed a master plan for the landscaping portion of the project. Concurrently, the Town worked to annex the land from San Mateo County and to obtain permission from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and Caltrans.

Phase One includes widening the intersection at Black Mountain/Skyline/Hayne to incorporate turn lanes to alleviate con-

gestion during commute hours. Phase Two entails the planting of large Cork Oaks, interspersed with old Olive trees, under-planted with attractive, predominantly native shrubs and grasses. The plants nearer to Skyline will reflect the foliage in the Hayne Road roundabout. Ultimately, the project is intended to require very little water. However, an irrigation system will be installed to ensure growth during the first three years after planting and during drought years. Scott Poms, owner of the Half Moon Bay landscape firm, Scapes, has been hired to do the installation.

All HBF projects are designed with water conservation and maintenance needs in mind. Hillsborough does not have a Parks and Recreation Department, therefore HBF will be responsible for maintaining this site. Your support of our efforts is greatly appreciated as HBF beautifies one of the most traveled entrances into our town!



## From the President, Board of Trustees

Full is here, school is back in session, and everyone at HBF is hard at work on a variety of fantastic projects. As the new head of the HBF Board, I get to visit each committee, and as I sat in on my first Projects Committee meeting the other day, I realized: *these women never took a summer hiatus!*

One after another they rattled off projects newly (or nearly) completed at each of our four Hillsborough Schools. Most of us have a hard enough time getting our own yards fixed up. Thanks to a band of intrepid volunteers, we have lovely new planting areas on each campus in town – and nearly all the work was done from May through August.

When I joined HBF some eight years ago, a friend from Atherton asked me, “Isn’t Hillsborough already beautiful enough?” I’ve thought about that over the years as we work to improve and maintain our public spaces. Sure, it’s a gorgeous little town, but there’s also something truly gratifying about taking responsibility for our community and acting locally.

At a time when the resources of our town and our schools are stretched thin, we’re lucky to have a group like HBF that plants trees, fixes historic gates, puts power lines underground and gets children planting daffodils in the fall. HBF brings out the best in Hillsborough not simply by sprucing it up but by bringing it together – whether to celebrate the holiday season at Town Hall or to solicit feedback on projects like Vista Park, which turned a desolate stand of eucalyptus trees into a playground and gathering place that everyone in town can enjoy.

As I write this, I feel honored to follow in the footsteps of people who brought vision and leadership to HBF – people like Lennie Gotcher, Harry Hanson, Cinnie Magowan, Bailey Meyer and Ruth Wisnom. As you read it, I hope you’ll agree that we continue to find new and creative ways not only to beautify but actually to improve our community. I hope you’ll lend us your support so we can continue to share with one another our lovely little corner of Earth.

-Libby Hulsey

## Centennial Park in Progress!

HBF’s gift to the Town to be officially unwrapped at Hillsborough’s Centennial Celebration on May 5, 2010!



### EMAIL THE GREEN LINE

Have you noticed a water leak at an HBF project site? Or worse, seen dying plants? Let us know!

Be Part of the Solution!

Email The Green Line at [pw@hillsborough.net](mailto:pw@hillsborough.net)

## HBF Project Updates HBF School Projects Receive High Marks!



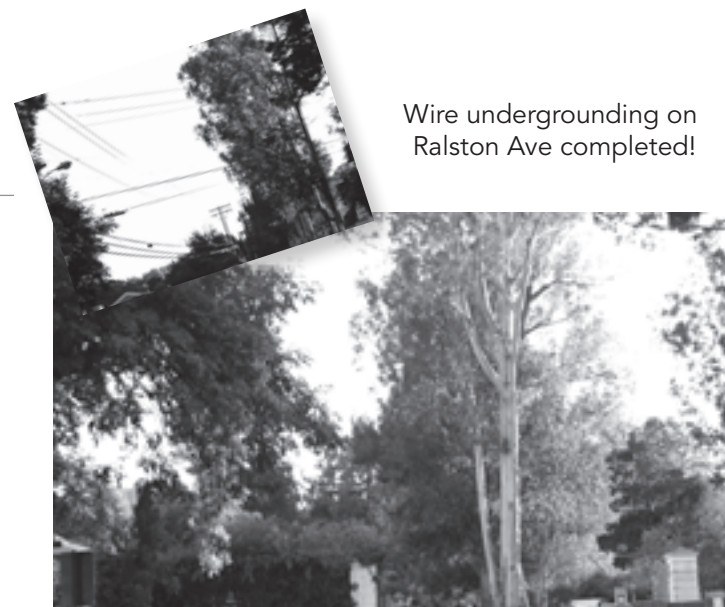
While all four schools were on summer vacation, HBF Project Committee members, Letty Callinan, Katie Foster, and Katie Syme were hard at work beautifying the campuses for students, faculty, and the Hillsborough community to enjoy.

North School proudly displayed a transformed entrance with a new rock wall, signage, and beautiful plantings. Landscape Architect, Brian Koch, received extra credit for the design and implementation of the project.

Sarah Small, of Small Brown Landscape Architects made honor roll with the beautifully designed garden under the giant Redwoods in front of South School, where a new irrigation system was installed.

Detention was averted, as Crocker Middle School received a significant donation from HBF, allowing completion of the landscape phase of the new Marilyn Miller-Loushin Building. Foliage, trees, grass, and shrubs were planted on the Crocker campus near the new structure.

While under construction last year, designs were put in place by HBF to purchase and plant six new Cherry trees in the front of West School. These trees will be planted in the grass alongside the driveway this winter. In addition, HBF will plant a Mulberry tree and appropriate low shrubs near the playground area in the back of the school.



Wire undergrounding on Ralston Ave completed!



## MEET THE NEW HBF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Ann Girard and her husband, Daniel**, have been residents of Hillsborough since 1990, and have three daughters. Ann has been an active volunteer in her daughters’ schools over the years, including, in support of St. Matthew’s Episcopal Day School’s Dickens House. Ann has also enjoyed coaching AYSO and volunteering with the Peninsula Open Space Trust. She currently serves as a director of the San Francisco Opera Guild. Ann is looking forward to working on projects benefiting the Hillsborough community.

**Martha Nora**, mother of three, moved to Hillsborough in 2003. She is actively involved as a volunteer at her children’s schools including serving as Madcap Chair at Crystal Springs Upland School and as a past parent board member at South Hillsborough School. She is also a member of the Hillsborough Auxiliary of the Family Service Agency of San Mateo County, National Charity League and a former board member of the Hillsborough Schools Foundation. Martha and husband, PJ, enjoy taking long walks winding through the flats and hills of Hillsborough.

**Erin Sinclair and her husband, Mike**, have lived in Hillsborough for the past ten years. They have two sons, ages 10 and 12. A native of Southern California, Erin has been in the Bay Area for over 20 years and loves the beauty and great access to so many outdoor activities. Erin has been an active volunteer for Edgewood Center for Children, Hillsborough Little League and Junior League. She has been involved in Hillsborough Schools as a past board member of The Hillsborough Schools Foundation and a volunteer at West Hillsborough School, currently serving as Parent Group President.

## WELCOME NEW HBF PROJECT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Lori Marquardt and her husband, David**, moved to Hillsborough because of its beautiful neighborhoods, warm sense of community and outstanding schools. Their children attended North School and Crocker and to this day claim their neighborhood schools “the best!” The Marquardts hosted one of the first Celebrate May events, and Lori is now looking forward to becoming an active member of HBF.

**Vicky Lowdon** is a native of Hillsborough and lives here with her husband Todd and their four children. An active volunteer with Crocker and North Schools, Hillsborough Schools Foundation, National Charities League and the Hillsborough Garden Club, she is also Co-Chair of Hillsborough’s upcoming Centennial Celebration.



### New HBF Trustee Members

Left to right:  
John Lewis, Joni Amaroli, Ernie Tan, Ruth Wisnom, Chick Adams



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