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Hillsborough Beautification Foundation

presents

A Tree Talk

With Kevin Kielty

Kielty Arborist Services

~and~

Lisa Vegas

Vegas & Ward Landscaping, Inc.

Sunday, April 27, 2008, 1 - 2:30pm

This is our third Tree Talk, part of a free, ongoing educational program dedicated to the planting and maintenance of trees.

Ms. Vegas and Mr. Kielty are both well-regarded professionals in their areas of expertise. Together, they will discuss "smart" watering for efficient water usage and optimum tree health throughout the year. Questions relative to your specific trees will gladly be addressed.

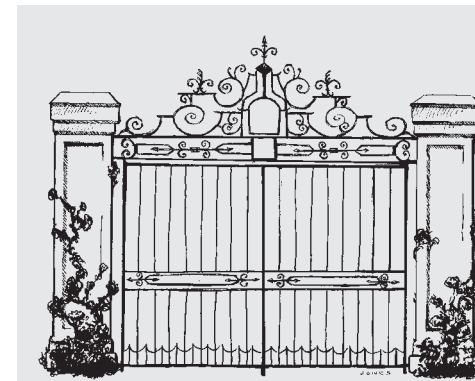
RSVP by calling 829-5159. Space is limited. Sign up early!

We Need You!

*Do you have... a penchant for plants?
a hunger for horticulture?
a passion for planning events?*

HBF has several committees working to raise funds, evaluate needs, and supervise improvement plans. We are ready to harness your energy to work with us! We welcome volunteers with diverse talents including artistic, horticultural, leadership, fund raising, event management, writing, editing, and public relations skills.

To learn more, please contact Peggy McLaughlin by email (preferred) mpmclaughlin@sbcglobal.net or telephone at 504-8501.



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Celebrate May! on Thursday, May 1st, 2008

The Hillsborough Beautification Foundation will host its eighth annual **CELEBRATE MAY!** event on Thursday, May 1st, from ten a.m. to noon, at a beautiful private home in Hillsborough. The stunning English Arts and Crafts style home boasts an exquisite landscape of lush gardens. Author Michael Svanevik of **NO SIDEWALKS HERE**, will speak about the history of the home as well as interesting historical features of Hillsborough.

The HBF Volunteer Awards will be presented at this event. These awards recognize those whose efforts to beautify our community deserve special distinction.

We are thrilled to present the HBF Community Volunteer Award to Harry Hanson for his steadfast dedication to the improvement of our community and the HBF Professional Volunteer Award to Kevin Weir for his exceptional assistance with many HBF events.

CELEBRATE MAY! is a wonderful opportunity for friends and neighbors to gather and learn about Hillsborough history and community-wide efforts of the Hillsborough Beautification Foundation. Come **CELEBRATE MAY!** with us on May 1st, and join us for coffee, tea and pastries in the garden. To request an invitation, please call (650) 829-5159.





Spring Make-Overs: A Whole New Look



Clockwise from bottom left: Firefighter/Paramedic Trevor Wiens, Captain Marty Dillon, HBF Project Committee Co-Chairs Kathryn Toms and Katie Syme, Firefighter/Engineer Scott Stacey, Captain Tim Louis, Deputy Chief Mark Ladas

On behalf of HBF, the Projects Committee is delighted to announce the completion of two projects this March. The first, pictured above, is the newly planted front yard at Fire Station No. 33 located at 835 Chateau Drive on the corner of Skyline Boulevard. Over the years, the garden had become overgrown and tired. The weed infested lawn was being hand watered by Fire Station residents because of an antiquated and malfunctioning watering system. With input from Deputy Chief Mark Ladas, Alan Burnett of Burnett Landscaping designed and installed an attractive yet hardy landscape appropriate to the deer friendly, windy locale. Importantly, the project included a fully automatic irrigation system that will make those watering duties a thing of the past! Deputy Chief Mark Ladas, speaking to HBF members, and by extension, its supporters, said “thank you for making the living situation better for those who live in the building, as well as those who get to appreciate the efforts as they pass”.

The second installation, also by Burnett Landscaping, is at the intersection of Skyfarm Drive and Redington Road; affectionately known as “Skyfarm Pit”. The site houses an active underground pumping facility for the Town, which necessitates the granite and manhole covered areas. Overgrown with ivy for many years, the shady corner has been revived by the addition of Japanese maples, rhododendrons, and ferns.

HBF and the Project Committee hope that you will drive by these sites, and that you enjoy them as they evolve and mature over the years.



HBF is 10 years old!! Can you believe it?

Much has been accomplished over this short time. We have completed many wonderful projects both large and small. Endless traffic islands have been planted and maintained. The newest island will be at the Sharon and Forest View Avenue intersection. All the beautiful and remarkable public gates, which are in many ways the signature of Hillsborough, have been either repaired or restored. Trees have been planted. Open spaces have been studied, and suggestions made for their care. With luck, the power lines from Ralston and Eucalyptus to Crocker School and to the corner of New Place Road will be under-grounded this summer. Of course, our largest and showiest projects at Crossroads and Vista Parks have had a huge impact not only on the look of our community, but also on the enjoyment of our residents.

There are two really remarkable features about HBF. First is the large number of volunteers who work so hard to study, organize and oversee the development of projects and their maintenance once completed, and the devoted workers who organize *Light up the Town*, *Celebrate May!*, the Newsletter, daffodil planting, the major donor party and on and on.

HBF would not succeed without the efforts of so many committed people who believe in their Town and are willing to work so hard to make Hillsborough beautiful. Second is the large number of donors who have been supporters from the beginning. Every year more and more residents join in our support. We could not do what we do without YOU. We are all most grateful for your interest in the community and your support for our work.

Two more large projects are in the works; the landscaping at the entrance to Hillsborough at Interstate 280 at Black Mountain Road, and the renovation of the garden at the corner of Floribunda and Town Hall. I am sure you think the Interstate 280 project is moving slowly. You are right, but it will come. HBF is planning completion of the garden at Town Hall as a gift to Hillsborough in celebration of the town’s centennial year.

Now that spring is here, we hope you are enjoying all the cheerful daffodils blooming all over Town.

Cynthia C. Magowan –President, Board of Trustees



HBF Celebrates its 10th Anniversary!

Traditionalists commemorate 10 year wedding anniversaries with tin or aluminum. HBF celebrates its union with daffodil bulbs, native grasses or park lawns for children. Here’s what our decade has brought to the Town of Hillsborough....

- 38 traffic islands beautified plus 3 more underway
- Complete renovation of Vista Park
- Creation of Crossroads Park
- Preservation of nine sets of historic gates
- Purchased new Hillsborough street signs throughout town
- Purchased new ‘Town of Hillsborough’ signs throughout town
- Eight years of hosting the *Celebrate May!* event
- Five landscaped water tank sites
- Over 10,000 daffodils planted in public spaces all over town
- Projects at all four Hillsborough public schools
- Host Annual *Light Up the Town* celebration at Town Hall
- Sponsored three Tree Talks free to all Hillsborough residents
- Landscape renovations at two firehouses in town
- *Plus, ongoing maintenance of most of the landscaped islands*

With your support, we look forward to many more years of continued improvements in our town.

