



THE VIEW

from the terrace

AROUND THE TERRACE

Tuesday, March 10th

BTHA annual homeowners' meeting, 7:30pm at 9th Church Christ Scientist at San Rafael and Darien.

Every Month

BTHA board meetings are held the first Monday from September to June at 7:30pm. Find upcoming location and agenda at balboaterrace.org.

Volunteer

We're currently looking for someone to coordinate the BTHA fall picnic. Contact board@balboaterrace.org for more information.

The View is published quarterly by Balboa Terrace Homes Association for our neighbors. Feedback and contributions are welcome! Send stories and pictures to board@balboaterrace.org.

District 7 Residents Join the Budget Process

George Wu, San Benito Way

Imagine having a say in how public money is spent, right here in our neighborhood? We in District 7 get that chance this year through what's called the Participatory Budgeting Project. This winter, District 7 residents were invited to propose community projects. The proposals are in and are being reviewed. In the spring, those of us who are 16 and over will get to vote on how this specially-earmarked \$100,000 will be spent.

The project's vision is to "establish an inclusive way to identify projects within the district to improve the quality of our neighborhoods. These projects may range from bold, new and lasting, to simple, useful and thoughtful. The essence of the Participatory Budget is to involve as many community members as possible, regardless of age, race, and socio-economic background."

District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee has also set aside an additional \$200,000 for Pedestrian Safety Vision Zero Projects. Vision Zero is a set a policy adopted by the Board of Supervisors that aims to end all pedestrian deaths by 2024. They're calling for engineering improvements for street safety, more targeted traffic crime enforcement, and an effective education initiative to inform and educate all road users. See www.sfbos.org/index.aspx?page=15926 for more information. ♦

Annual Homeowners' Meeting

Please join your fellow Balboa Terrace neighbors at the annual meeting of the Homes Association!

We'll conduct Association business, you'll have an opportunity to get your questions answered, and there will also be time to enjoy refreshments, socialize, and meet new neighbors.

Guest speakers this year include:

- **Scott Wiener**, District 8 Supervisor
- **Olivia Scanlon**, from District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee's office
- **Captain Curtis Lum**, from the Taraval Police Station
- **Michael Riordan**, PG&E representative

When: Tues, March 10th
7:30 p.m.

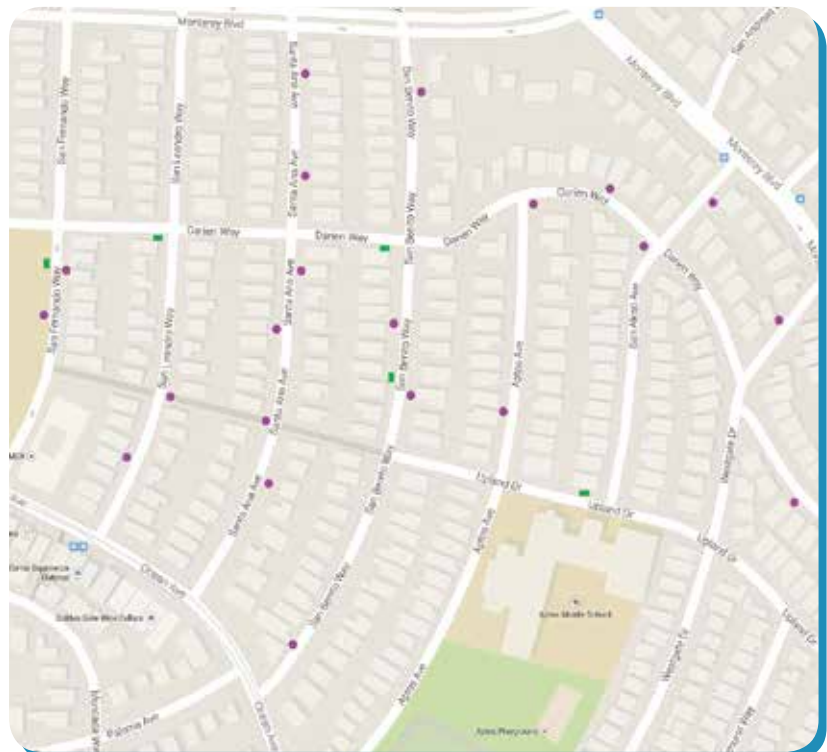
Where: 9th Church of Christ, Scientist
175 Junipero Serra
(enter on San Rafael)

Let There Be Streetlight!

Alexa Vuksich, San Aleso Way

Yes, it's almost over! PG&E is scheduled to have the streetlight project complete, including restoration of sidewalks, streets, alleyways, and turf by mid-March. In addition to rewiring the majority of Balboa Terrace, 21 lightpoles are being replaced (see map below).

The new lighting will be slightly brighter than the old, weary lamps. Some of you may have bedrooms that are impacted by streetlights; if you find the lighting is too bright, please contact PG&E, and they will make adjustments to the lamp to mitigate the problem. Our PG&E contact is Michael Riordan (e-mail m3rd@pge.com). Mr. Riordan also plans to attend our annual meeting to answer any further questions you have about the Loop 185 project. And if you have general issues with streetlights (outages, etc.), you can direct problems and complaints to: www.pge.com/myhome/customerservice/contact/streetlights/single/ ♦



The purple dots indicate the location of 21 new lightpoles.

Aptos School Update

Brigitte Churnin, Aptos Avenue

Those of you who live close to Aptos Middle School know that—as enrollment has been on the rise over the past decade—we are experiencing increasing congestion in our neighborhood. Balboa Terrace Homes Association has appointed two neighborhood school liaisons to work with the school and the City to address the congestion in constructive ways.

Our liaisons are Brigitte Churnin and Caitlin Traylor, and they've been busy. Since last summer, Brigitte and Caitlin have worked with Aptos Principal Jason Hannon as well as a number of other City departments: Olivia Scanlon, of District 7 Supervisor Norman Yee's office; the SFMTA; SF Unified School District representative Frank O'Hara; the Dept. of Public Works; and Capt. Lum and Sgt. Mannix from Taraval Station.

The PG&E streetlight project put an unexpected kink in the negotiations, and our work on traffic safety is currently at a standstill. Of course emotions run high around traffic safety, and Aptos parents and neighbors alike hope we can work together to help alleviate the traffic issues, because if Aptos Middle School prospers, our neighborhood prospers. Aptos welcomes Balboa Terrace neighbors to join the school community. If you'd like to volunteer, please call Aptos Community Relations Specialist Kelly Roja at 469-4520. ♦

When Can You Expect Increased Traffic Around Aptos?

Parent-teacher conferences:
Feb 23-27

Evening events on:
March 12, 19, 24, 26
April 9, 14, 16, 30
May 5, 7, 26, 27

Balboa Terrace neighbors are invited to attend a few of these evening events, held in the beautiful Aptos theater:

April 16th, 7-8:30pm:
6th grade concert

May 5th and 7th, 7-8:30pm:
Spring Band Concerts

May 27th is 8th grade graduation day, with the ceremony at 11:30am and a dance in the evening, so expect Aptos parents to come and go.

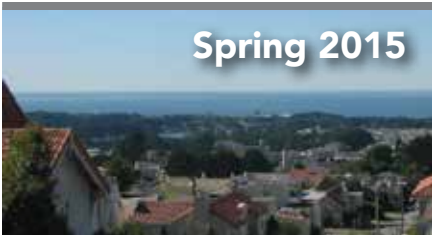
Note these dates are subject to change. View the Aptos calendar at: <https://ams-sfusd-ca.schoolloop.com>

I'm Going Door To Door...

Neighbors have reported teens going door to door selling magazine subscriptions to earn points or work on their job skills. Sometimes these are scams, sometimes not. Remember, you're not required to open the door just because someone knocks, and if you don't know the person, don't invite them in! Don't be afraid to report suspicious activity, including descriptions and license

numbers, to the non-emergency police line (see back page for emergency numbers). Even if the police department doesn't send someone out, they'll be aware of the activity in our neighborhood.

Be safe and smart: Keep your doors, windows, and gates locked and your eyes open!



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Emergency Numbers

- Emergency..... 911
- 911 For Cell Phones553-8090
- (Note: if you dial 911 from your cell, it will go to CHP dispatch, which also works in an emergency)
- Non-Emergency Police553-0123
- Bay Area Crimestoppers
- Anonymous Tip Line ... 800-244-8346
- Taraval Police Station.....759-3100
- Supervisor Norman Yee.....554-6516

If you're not sure, dial 311 for City Customer Service, 24/7



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- School Liaisons Brigitte Churnin and Caitlin Traylor
- Architectural Review Gerald Bernstein
- Welcome Committee. . . . Robert Mann
- Neighborhood Picnic . . . Volunteer needed!

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