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President’s Message

Andrew Sparks
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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Diane Wara and I have been continuing our work on greening and beautifying the neighborhood as well as replanting a number of our medians. Please take a look at the Mendosa median, which has recently been revitalized. We are also currently working on the Magellan median and plan to revisit other medians as our limited budget allows. Please let us know if you have an open space in your sidewalk strip for a new tree or if your current trees are dead so we can replace them. We appreciate everyone’s efforts in maintaining and improving this unique, verdant and historic neighborhood.

The Board is continuing its work on formulating a new set of rules for the use of the Clubhouse that is consistent with its historic usage and the rules recently set forth by the San Francisco Planning Department. Clubhouse rental income has declined significantly in the recent period. Rental income from the Clubhouse has historically bolstered the Association's finances and helped pay for things like events, infrastructure, tree maintenance and landscaping. We continue to look forward to renting out the Clubhouse for private events within the rules. We are also excited to use the Clubhouse for hosting community activities, with ideas such as children’s story time, exercise classes like yoga, and poker night (or bridge). Please stay tuned for more information.

In accordance with our bylaws, the Board is evaluating increasing dues in September 2019 for Fiscal 2020 to (i) offset reduced Clubhouse rental income, (ii) comply with Davis-Stirling Act rules regarding finances, (iii) keep up with inflation, (iv) pay for needed infrastructure maintenance and improvements, (v) pay for landscaping maintenance and improvements, (vi) potentially support enhanced neighborhood security and (vi) support additional community activities as discussed above. The costs of goods and services that the Association pays for have increased dramatically in the Bay Area along with home prices and everything else, but the Association receives revenue based on dues set nearly five years ago and dues that essentially haven’t been raised in any significant way historically. The Board would like to thank all of the individuals who volunteer their time to the Association and we look forward to improving the neighborhood through a financially secure Association.

Please join us at one of our neighborhood events or sign up to volunteer with one of the committees of the Board. The Board enjoys communicating with the community, so please look out for future updates from the Board, or feel free to join us at one of our monthly Board meetings at the Clubhouse.

Sincerely,
Andrew Sparks



The Board of Directors would like to welcome our new Community Manager, longtime resident Jamie Wong. The Board is excited to have Jamie join as our new managerial and administrative lead for the Association, including for Clubhouse activities, community events and the day-to-day running of the Association. Please join us in welcoming Jamie!

Garden and Social Club

Garden Club plans a full year!

The Forest Hill Garden and Social Club is planning an event-filled year including fall floral arranging, a Fall Pumpkin evening, the traditional Book Fest and Food Drive, the Wreath Making Day, the Holiday Party, and a docent presentation of a Fine Arts Museums offering – to name just a few activities.

Go to www.foresthill-sf.com/gardenclub/FHGC-join.html for the membership form and to be included in the roster. Pictured to the right is the incoming executive board. L to R: Kathe Farrell, Louise Baciagalupi, Angela Carnegie, Ingeborg McGlynn, Pansy Waller, Darlene Hartman, Toni Buckley, Anna Bolechowski, Clorinda Aldrich and Yen Bachmeier. (Not pictured: Sima Talai, Nancy Butte and Eva Monroe)



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Landscape Committee Update

Diane Wara

Fall is here, and fall pruning has begun throughout Forest Hill. Brightview will complete their pruning between October 22 and 31. Those trees to be pruned are posted on our website (www.foresthill-association.com). If you have comments/questions please contact me at (dianew@foresthill-association.com).

We are working hard to increase the beauty throughout our neighborhood by planting trees and revising median strips. We and our partner, Terra Landscape, have had great difficulty locating disease free elms to replace those that are aging out throughout Forest Hill. Terra sourced, and we recently purchased 15 elms and are looking for places to plant them. If you have space in your sidewalk strip and would like an elm or two, please contact me. Finally, we are adding over 10 Monterey Cypress to the median strip along Magellan. We plan to tackle the Marcella median next year. If you have comments/concerns regarding tree and/or landscape maintenance, please contact me.

Financial Update

Anthony Woolf

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Dear Forest Hill Community,

We ended the 6 months, September 30, 2018, of our fiscal year in a strong financial position. Our debt for the clubhouse renovations is now down to \$77,673. We have \$199,943 of cash in the bank. Our revenue for the 6 month period is in line with last year: \$71,171 vs \$72,154 last year. Expenditures are higher by \$25,846 due to greater outlays for tree care, planting, and irrigation versus last year. That said in aggregate our expenditures are 42% of budget while we are 50% of the way through our fiscal year (so we are spending less on a linear basis than budgeted). Other areas of our expenditures with the exception of insurance and utilities are lower than last year. Overall we find ourselves in a stronger cash position than last year (by \$8,244).

Looking forward I expect to see somewhat higher expenses as we continue to prioritize tree maintenance and planting while making prudent upgrades to our clubhouse, office, and garage. Overall we will continue to monitor expenditures to ensure we are tracking with our FY2019 budget.

Best,

Anthony Woolf
FHA Treasurer

Musical Days

The board of directors of Musical Days in Forest Hill has announced that after a run of ten spectacular festivals in 15 years, Musical Days has come to an end.

The many Forest Hill residents who have attended the concerts have expressed their deep appreciation for outstanding music, performed by internationally acclaimed musicians. The festivals have brought significant prestige to Forest Hill.

Many of our neighbors volunteered to host musicians, to host daily luncheons and dinners for them, and to support the operation of the festivals in numerous ways. The Musical Days board is grateful for such broad community support. We are also grateful to the FHA for allowing us to use the clubhouse. Without that support, Musical Days would not have been possible.

Nothing in the Bay Area can match the intimate neighborhood chamber musical experience we've enjoyed in Forest Hill. While we are sorry to see an end to Musical Days in Forest Hill, we will cherish the memories of unforgettable concerts in our wonderful Maybeck clubhouse.

The Musical Days in Forest Hill Board of Directors



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