



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Michael Callagy, County Manager
Subject: County Manager's Report #9 of 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept this informational report.

BACKGROUND:

This report will provide you with updates on a variety of County initiatives focusing on Public Safety, Health and Human Services, Community Services and Performance, in addition to reports on legislation and issues that require your action. We also will keep you and the public informed about new services, upcoming events and general updates.

DISCUSSION:

Public Safety

County's Fire Risk Strategy Team (FRST) tackling wildfire risks

The County's recently formed Fire Risk Strategy Team (FRST) is coordinating across jurisdictional lines on efforts to reduce the risk of wildland fires and increase community resiliency, particularly in the face of climate change. Currently, many San Mateo County residents live in what is called the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) along ridges and canyons with overgrown vegetation, limited evacuation routes and vulnerable non-conforming construction.

FRST is coordinated by the County and includes key leaders from several local jurisdictions. Priorities include scientific research related to rate of spread and plume modeling, assessing existing services and identifying ways to streamline processes between jurisdictional lines. Other priorities are best practices for vegetation management, evacuation planning and building construction. FRST is working with state representatives to identify funding sources for projects that support fuel reduction, evacuation planning, community fire risk education, roadway infrastructure improvements necessary for fire department response and other long-term adaptation measures related to climate change.

Health and Human Services

HSA to host sixth annual Transitional Age Youth summit

The Human Service Agency's Children and Family Services will host its sixth annual Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Summit, a two-day event aimed at bridging the gap in services and resources for this population through education and speakers. Transitional youth are those exiting foster care or other public systems as they move into adulthood.

At the summit, to be held July 16 and 18 at Beresford Park and Skyline College in San Mateo, both youth and service providers will participate in activities focused on addressing common issues and forming a support network. Approximately 10 youth ambassadors will also be trained to take on leadership roles throughout the two days. HSA anticipates that 75 youth will attend the first day and approximately 100 youth and providers will attend the second.

Measure K

Hillbarn Theater roof repaired

After delays due to rain, crews are replacing and repairing the roof at Foster City's Hillbarn Theater. The repairs are part of a project to help rebuild and reconfigure the 50-year-old Hillbarn Theater space so that it is safer and more flexible. Your Board in July 2018 committed \$200,000 in Measure K funds to the roof repair project. In addition to staging quality productions, Hillbarn is devoted to developing artists and students.

Comprehensive Memorial Park Facility improvement project a first in its history

Campers take notice: Campgrounds at Memorial Park will be closed for the 2020 camping season as the Parks Department embarks on the first comprehensive facility improvement project in the park's 95-year history. Camping is expected to resume in the spring of 2021. All day use areas, including hiking trails, picnic areas and the visitor center will remain open during this period. The improvements are largely funded by the local Measure K half-cent sales tax extension. More information is available at: <https://parks.smcgov.org/memorial-park-facility-improvement-project>

News, Event and Updates

Dad & Me at the Park celebrates 16th year

Calling all aspiring superheroes: This year's 16th Annual Dad & Me at the Park event will include a wide variety of fun activities for fathers and children, including "superhero training" from two costumed actors. Registered families can also play games, grab a free book, explore the imagination playground and enjoy a free lunch. The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 15 on the Middle Lawn Area of Flood Park in Menlo Park. Families can register at dadandme2019.doattend.com

The County's Dads Workgroup hosts the gathering every year as an opportunity to engage and support local fathers taking an active role in the well-being of their children and families. The workgroup includes representatives from the Human Services Agency, Health, Probation, Child Support, Libraries and First 5.