



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER

Board Meeting Date: 6/19/2018

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
Subject: County Manager's Report #11 of 2018

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

Thirteen graduate from Sheriff's Office Women's Boot Camp

Thirteen women graduated this month from the Sheriff's Office Women's Boot Camp which helps prepare and guide participants through the application and hiring process for the department. The free month-long boot camp is specifically designed for women by women to empower them for success. It serves as an introduction to what it really takes to work in law enforcement with hands-on training that includes physical fitness challenges and nutrition coaching, and classes in stress management and interviewing techniques. Class members also hear from current successful women in law enforcement about their experiences. Graduates received a certificate of completion and we hope to see some of them among our public safety ranks.

Health and Human Services

Health, partners practice disaster preparedness with CERT volunteers

On June 7, the Health System, Office of Emergency Services and community partners participated in Green Dawn, a full-scale emergency preparedness exercise to test our capability of responding to a local terrorist attack. More than 200 individuals participated, including more than 75 Health System staff who activated the Department Operations Center and established a Joint Information Center at which other County public information officers served. Outside the Health System, the scenario played out at Coyote Point Recreation Area and Junipero Serra County Park where Community

Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteers tested their preparation skills and staff from Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) provided psychological first aid and assistance with family reunification.

The exercise was funded through grants from federal agencies including the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Homeland Security, and the Centers for Disease Control, along with state bodies such as the California Department of Public Health.

County veterans have received more than \$37.2 million in benefits

County veterans and their families have received more than \$37.2 million in funds and benefits in the last 30 months thanks to the efforts of the Human Services Agency and the County Veterans Services Office (CVSO). That figure includes retroactive pay and county veterans collecting disability and widows' compensation as a whole receive \$992,825.19 monthly. During that same period, the CVSO was also able to award college fee waivers for the University of California and State system schools and junior colleges to 202 veteran dependents with an estimated savings of more than \$1 million.

In addition to helping veterans access services and benefits, the CVSO team is always keeping tabs on state and national efforts that may impact our local residents. Two weeks ago, Veteran Services Officer Norman Aleman and Selina Toy Lee, director of collaborative community outcomes for HSA, were invited to attend the CalVet Statewide Leadership Summit where they joined other veteran services organizations to hear a national update from one undersecretary of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Community Services

Waverly Place Apartments provide supportive housing

The Mental Health Association of San Mateo County along with the Department of Housing and other community partners recently celebrated the grand opening of Waverly Place Apartments, which provides much-needed supportive housing for individuals with a mental illness. The apartments, located on Fifth Avenue at Waverly Avenue in North Fair Oaks, include 15 units for residents and an additional unit for an on-site manager.

The project was funded in part with contributions from the Affordable Housing Fund, Mental Health Services Act and additional sources. Funding from the half-cent countywide sales tax (now Measure K) that was originally awarded was not needed as the developer secured alternative financing. The return of that award allowed the Department of Housing to redistribute those funds to other projects.

Performance

Controller's Office honored for annual report, continuing winning streak

The Golden State Warriors' winning streak is nothing compared to our Controller's Office. The office was just honored for the 18th straight year with the highest recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) awarded its Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the County's Fiscal Year 2016-17 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). What that mouthful of acronyms means for the public is that it can feel confident in the accuracy, consistency and transparency of the County's financial information. The Controller's Office also repeatedly wins a similar award for its condensed Financial Highlights Report. Congratulations to the Controller and his staff for their repeated success and their commitment to ensuring our residents can trust in our fiscal stewardship.

Measure K

The Big Lift receives nationwide honor

The Campaign for Grade-Level Reading this month awarded the County of San Mateo a Pacesetter Honor for making progress on key indicators of early school success. The Campaign, a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring children from low-income families succeed in school, recognized The Big Lift as among nationwide programs that are on the “leading edge” of innovation. As you well know, your Board invests funds from the Measure K local sales tax to provide quality pre-school, enrichment opportunities and family engagement activities for children from families with low incomes. In receiving this award, we want to take a moment to thank our partners, including San Mateo County Libraries, the San Mateo County Office of Education and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, for their work on behalf of early childhood education.

Measure K funds summer fun in the parks

The Junior Ranger program introduces children ages 7 to 12 to the wonders of their local parks with hands-on activities focusing on wildlife, habitats and recreational opportunities. Upcoming Junior Ranger events will be held July 14 in Wunderlich Park, August 11 in Coyote Point Recreation Area and September 8 in San Pedro Valley Park. The Junior Ranger page on the Parks Department's website includes registration information. This valuable enrichment program is funded with the support of local Measure K funds.

News, Events & Updates

County helps fathers, families celebrate

The Dad's Workgroup, a collaborative effort by several different County departments, celebrated Father's Day by hosting Dad & Me @ the Pool. The Human Services Agency along with the Dad's Workgroup hosted the free swim sessions for families at La Petite Baleem in all three locations in San Mateo County: San Bruno, Half Moon Bay, and Redwood City. Every session was full and many children enjoyed the pool time with their parents.