

GREENBRAE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL PICNIC

Sunday, September 17, 2023 • Old Greenbrae School Park • 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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Hello Greenbrae Residents!

I hope you are having a wonderful summer. The Board invites you to its Annual Picnic, which will be held on Sunday, September 17, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the “Old Greenbrae School Park” on Parkside Way just off Eliseo Drive. The Picnic is made possible by the excellent work and efforts of our GPOA Board and valued neighborhood volunteers Holly Welch, Jenn Pfeiffer, Andrew Roth, and Chris Gow-Panzardi. It takes a lot of energy to organize the Picnic. We hope to see you there! Please review the postcard enclosed with this Newsletter for more details about the Picnic.

I am writing on behalf of the members of the GPOA’s Board of Directors. As volunteers, your Board members donate significant time to our community. The Board wishes to thank Ryan Nelson for his service before resigning recently. We appreciate and value Ryan’s contributions, especially the redesign of our website, www.greenbrae.org. We also appreciate the contributions Scott Sherman, David Sternberg, and Noreen Kimelman have made over their many years of service and continue to make.

The Board is, however, at a critical point. We are in danger of being unable to continue if we do not enlist new Board members. We need other community members to volunteer to serve on the Board and help neighbors resolve problems, respond thoughtfully to issues residents raise, facilitate community communications, hold our Annual Meeting and Annual Picnic, and work constructively with elected officials. If you are interested in helping our community, please send an email to info@greenbrae.org.

At our Annual Meeting in April, we heard many concerns about the lights on Sir Francis Drake Boulevard (SFDB). To address real concerns of neighbors on the corridor, the County installed more attractive and shorter light poles, subsequently illuminated the lights, and then further adjusted them to address concerns of neighbors along SFDB.

We are pleased to report that new landscaping in the SFDB medians from Eliseo Drive to College Avenue, plus the Greenbrae entries at La Cuesta and Eliseo Drives and the frontage of Corte Morada Park, will be completed this summer by the Marin County Parks Department. The SFDB medians will have new ornamental trees and our entries will have new trees and plants. Many of the species going in will be California natives. To learn more, to see the landscape plans, and to direct questions and comments to the County of Marin, please go to the project website, <https://bit.ly/SFDBreplanting>. Once this project is complete, new landscaping will be installed along the north SFDB frontage of Greenbrae from La Cuesta Drive to El Portal.



If you haven't already done so, please sign up for our community e-mail list by visiting our website, www.greenbrae.org, and clicking on the "Join Our Mailing List" tab. The Board urges residents to sign up for the GPOA's e-mail list so we can readily share news and important community information with you.

The Board encourages those residents who have not yet completed and returned the 2023 Dues Coupon enclosed with this Newsletter to do so at this time. Unlike the \$150 per household per year mandatory CSA 16 parcel tax all Greenbrae homeowners pay, our GPOA dues are voluntary. Please contribute to the best of your ability. Your contributions are our only source of revenue and are much needed to cover the costs of the Picnic, accounting and bookkeeping services, insurance, printing and distribution of Newsletters, website maintenance, and some landscaping improvements.

Here are few community requests and reminders. For our health and peace, the GPOA Board and many neighbors encourage the use, by residents and gardeners, of battery-powered landscaping equipment such as blowers, weed-whippers and hedgers. As well, we ask that you please remove any plants, limbs or foliage that block drivers' views around bends in the roads and at intersections. Maintaining your trees and plants will help to ensure the safety of pedestrians, pets, bicyclists and our children heading to and from school. And please always drive slowly through our neighborhood to protect neighbors out for exercise, bicycling and heading to and from school and errands.

Lastly, the Board shares a very special "Thank You" to Greg Shaughnessy who is moving out of Greenbrae after over 30 years of dedicated service to our community on both the GPOA Board and the CSA 16 Advisory Board. Greg has been an invaluable asset to our community and will be sorely missed.

We look forward to seeing you at the Picnic on Sunday, September 17, 2023, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Greenbrae School Park.

Jack Valinoti
GPOA President

