

# Seacliff Improvement Association



**Save the Date: October 29, 2016!**

*For the Seacliff Improvement Association 2016 Annual Dinner  
October 29, 2016, 6 pm – 9 pm  
Seascape Golf Course  
610 Clubhouse Drive, Aptos*

*Our speaker this year: **Gary Griggs**  
UCSC Distinguished Professor of Earth Sciences,  
Director, Institute of Marine Sciences*



*His Topic:*

***Climate Change Sea-Level Rise Coastal Retreat***

*Musical Guest: Guitarist, Ken Constable*

*Appetizers, Yummy Buffet, and Door Prizes and You!*

*Check your mailbox soon for your dinner reservation form and membership renewal...*

## **Finally, Undergrounding Begins!**

Beginning September 26<sup>th</sup>, twelve utility poles in downtown Seacliff will be removed and placed underground. This means the area will be trenched and covered with metal plates during the coming months as each utility installs their lines.

This project has taken over 20 years of planning, design and development and is the first step in the beautification of our downtown. The county's streetscape beautification follows this project with the final public meeting regarding landscaping to be held in spring of next year.





## **Transportation Funding - Measure D - Coming to November Ballot**

**Zach Friend  
Second District Supervisor  
County of Santa Cruz**

The Regional Transportation Commission's (RTC) transportation funding measure will appear on the November ballot for needs including roads, the highway, bus, bike, pedestrian and para-transit. With significant cuts from state and federal funding sources, the RTC has been working on ways to make our county a "self-help" county. Currently, over 80 percent of California's population live in

self-help counties, which means they have a local, secure, transportation funding mechanism. This local funding can be used to leverage additional state and federal funds. In fact, as funding has been reduced from state and federal sources, often the funding that's left requires a local funding match - in a sense advantaging areas with their own self-help funding mechanism. The funding proposal is for a one-half cent sales tax measure, which includes citizen oversight, independent audits, and financial accounting requirements.

What does the measure contain?

- **Neighborhood Projects** - The largest amount of the measure goes toward neighborhood projects. Specifically, this element will maintain local streets and fund safety improvements for children walking and biking to school. In our district we are aiming to construct new sidewalks and put a dent in the significant amount of deferred maintenance - including pothole repair, resurfacing and more.
- **Highway Corridors** - The second largest amount of the measure targets Highway 1. Funding will create auxiliary lanes between 41st Ave to Soquel Drive, Bay/Porter to Park Ave, and Park Ave to State Park Drive. In addition, two bicycle/pedestrian crossings will be created including the long-awaited crossing at Mar Vista Drive here in Seacliff.
- **Mobility Access** - A key funding element is for mobility access services to help maintain senior and disabled transit service. This funding includes Santa Cruz METRO's ParaCruz service and Community Bridges Lift Line service as well as general funding for the METRO bus system.
- **Coastal Rail Trail** - Funding to construct, operate and maintain the bike and pedestrian trail along the rail corridor.
- **Rail Corridor** - The smallest portion of the measure goes toward repair and maintenance of the corridor, including drainage improvements and vegetation/graffiti/trash control as well as an environmental analysis of all possible future public transit (rail and non-rail) uses of the corridor. No new passenger rail service is funded by the measure.

As always, I'd love to hear your thoughts and answer any questions you may have. Please feel free to call me at 454-2200.

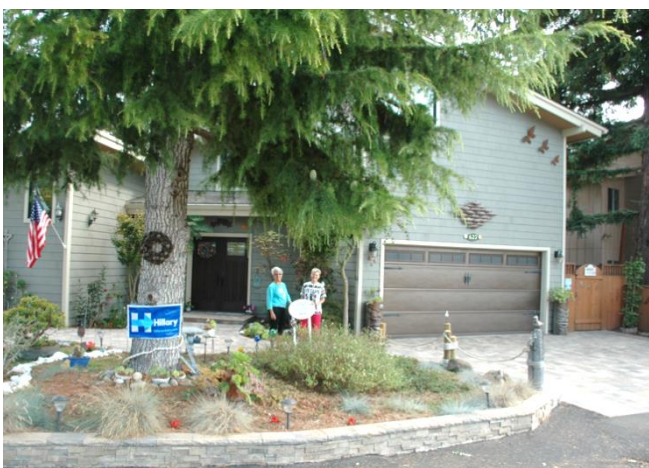
# Beautification Awards

Niki Derby

What beautiful homes we saw this summer! So many creative gardens made it hard to choose the winners. But we did and each won a \$50 gift certificate to Hidden Gardens. Thank you to our great committee: Linda Campopiano, Kaaren Chinello, Coni Hendry, Kat Hsueh and Brent Lay, Martha Johnson, Margaret Kotsi, Esther Maxey, Deb Murray, Patty Norton, Sharon Vaughn, Ellen Voyt, and Mary Watson. A special thanks to Dennis Bailey-Fougner and Mark Mauceri, our beautification chairs who are relocating to Colorado.

## 413 Park - Kelly and Doug Britt

Kelly and Doug have owned the property for three years. They tore down a little bungalow and built their lovely family home. Perry Wiget was the contractor and Eddie Pombo did the landscaping. Doug and Kelly worked closely with Dennis Norton, architect, to implement all their ideas and needs. They have six children, with just two teenagers left at home. You really need to walk by and look at their lovely courtyard, complete with a welcoming fire pit.



627 Seacliff - Barbara Secola and Linda Sizelove  
Both are retired teachers, but Linda still works in the San Jose State Teacher Education Department. You wouldn't recognize the home they moved into five years ago. Total redo includes painting the house; new driveway pavers; retaining wall; drought tolerant plants, including lots of succulents; and the nautical pillars and rope. Make sure you walk by slowly so you can enjoy seeing all the 'detailed artistic pieces' that the two teachers have collected to make their home so unique.

## 146 Seacliff - Kim Turley and Kim Belliveau

It's been 16 years since they last won the beautification award. Times have changed and last fall they decided to put in a draught tolerant garden. They sought help from Will at Hidden Gardens Nursery (also DIG). They worked together to design a garden that used the river rock they had (in another location) and create a combination beach/California Foothill feeling. While they were at it, they had a new driveway and "wide" walkway installed in stamped concrete. Kim Turley owns Tri County Real Estate and Kim Belliveau is Department Chair of the Kinesiology Department at Cabrillo.



# Mar Vista Pedestrian Bridge News

Zach Friend, Second District Supervisor



The long-awaited Mar Vista pedestrian bridge has taken a significant step toward becoming reality. Over the last four years our office has worked to keep funding for the bridge within the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) budget, even after attempts to further delay the timeline and reduce funding, and this month the process took a large step forward. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was released by the Regional Transportation Commission in mid-July for the preparation of preliminary design, environmental analysis and clearance to construct the bridge. The pre-proposal conference was held in August and 16 different firms attended. Final proposals are due back to the RTC with the goal being to award a contract by early October.

Construction is targeted to begin in the summer of 2019. The RTC has continued to program funding toward it with the final amount to hopefully come from passage of the transportation funding ballot measure on the November ballot this year.

What is the RFP for? The RFP is not for the actual construction phase of the bridge but for the design work. Here are the specifics:

Phase 1 - Design Development and Caltrans Project Approval and Environmental Documentation

Phase 2 - Final Design Plans, Specifications, and Estimates

Phase 3 - Bidding and Construction Support

While the RTC currently has the bridge slated for construction in the 2019/2020 fiscal year, there is hope that funding from the tax measure could expedite the process. The RFP notes the RTC's desire to have the project completed as early as possible.

As many of you may know, Mar Vista Drive was split with construction of the highway and this bridge will reunite sides, providing safe bike and pedestrian access. For many parents with kids attending Mar Vista Elementary, or even Seacliff residents that want to go to Cabrillo or that side of the highway, it's currently over a mile walk (or bike ride) with crossings that aren't ideal. This will unquestionably improve the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians looking to cross the highway. Traffic engineers have also noted this may help reduce the amount of traffic on State Park and Soquel associated with school drop-off times. It's been promised to the community for quite some time and I'm pleased the first significant step toward it becoming reality is underway. As always, I'd love to hear your thoughts. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 454-2200.

## Meeting Announcement: *Serving at the State Level*

Supervisor Friend will be holding a community forum with Governor Jerry Brown's top appointments secretary, Mona Pasquil, on Thursday, Sept. 29 to help local residents learn more about serving on state Boards and Commissions that oversee topics ranging from agricultural and water policy, disability access, professional oversight, social services, environmental policy, education and more. This is a good opportunity for our community residents to learn about how to get appointed. These boards and commissions can be a good way to serve the public and have a positive impact on people's lives.

**Date: September 29, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

**Location: Senson House, Cabrillo College, 750 Soquel Dr., Aptos**

Call Supervisor Friend's office for more information at 454-2200.

# First Aid Kits for CERT

Mary Edmund



CERT Team Seacliff is grateful for Seacliff Community's generous donation of \$ 1,124 through the Human Race. Funds purchased personal first aid packs for all members of Team Seacliff, as well as necessary medical equipment and supplies stored for planned use in the event of a disaster.



**CERT fire suppression training**

Join the Seacliff CERT Team and attend the next CERT training starting September 20th and continuing for 5 successive Tuesday evenings from 6:30-10pm at the Aptos Firehouse at 6934 Soquel Rd. There is no charge for the class.

CERT Training helps people become better prepared to respond to and cope with the aftermath of a disaster. You will be ready to provide

immediate assistance to victims in your neighborhood, organize spontaneous, untrained volunteers to provide needed services, and collect disaster intelligence to assist professional responders who are trying to allocate limited resources. We cannot stop disaster, but we may anticipate the risks and reduce them and by neighbors helping neighbors Seacliff becomes a safer place to live.

## Seacliff Property Crime Meeting

Rebecca Downing

Seacliff residents packed the meeting room at the Community Foundation last month to learn how the County Sheriff's office was addressing the increasing numbers of property crimes in Seacliff. Attendees voiced concerns about the concentration of thefts near McGregor and Mar Vista Drives and possible coordinated efforts by thieves. Below are some of the recommendations from the meeting to deter theft in Seacliff:

### *Don't feed the bears! This means:*

- Lock your vehicle
- Remove anything in your vehicle you don't want to lose.
- See something, say something. If your neighbor has left something valuable out, check with them since they may not know.
- Improve your home lighting and consider installing a security system. Report any suspicious activity - call 911. If you aren't sure if it is an emergency, call 911 anyway because the same dispatcher answers non-emergency calls too.
- Lock your house and windows even if you are only going to be out for a short time.
- Signing up for a free Home Security Inspection from the sheriff's office: 831-454-7689
- Create a Neighborhood Watch program by contacting the Aptos Sub-station: 831- 662-0690.
- Register your video surveillance camera with the Neighborhood Video Partnership. It provides the sheriff's office with a volunteer database of video resources which can be used to search for investigative clues: <http://alarmregistration.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/>

## Happy Trails to Dennis and Mark!

After six years of living in Seacliff and volunteering with our association, we bid a very fond farewell to Dennis Bailey-Fougner and Mark Mauceri. They are moving to Grand Junction, Colorado where Dennis grew up and recently accepted a new job.

Mark served as our board treasurer and Mini Park Chair and both served as Beautification Committee chairs. We will miss you and wish you the best!



Mark Mauceri and  
Dennis Bailey-Fougner

## Vacation Rental Ordinance Update

Rebecca Downing

Last month, the County Board of Supervisors approved changes to the ordinances for vacation rentals in unincorporated Santa Cruz County. Some of the changes that affect Seacliff:



- Permits are now non-transferable when a property is sold.
- Only one home per property may have a vacation rental permit.
- A public hearing requirement is now required for the review of new vacation rentals in homes with 4 or more bedrooms.
- Lowers the age from 12 years to 6 years for the number of children that would not be counted toward maximum occupancy levels.
- Now must show significant use for permit renewal.

To learn more about these and other changes and how they affect your vacation rental, contact the Planning Department at: 831-454-2580.

## Thanks to donations Seacliff Drive Garden Thrives

Mary Gibbs

Even without the benefit of watering, this greenbelt along the Seacliff State Beach fence looks very good and, with some future rain, will be even more beautiful.

Many thanks to Bill Eaton, Pat Lordan and Sylvia Qualls for your generous donations of plants for the Seacliff Garden Strip.

Donations really help us maintain this area along a favorite local walking route. If you wish to donate plants to improve this highly visible spot, write to: [info@seacliffimprovement.org](mailto:info@seacliffimprovement.org) and we will happily add your plant to the garden.



Butterfly Iris plants donated by  
Sylvia Qualls

Seacliff Improvement Association

Treasurer's Report August 2016

	August	YTD
	\$23,640.08	\$25,461.42
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Donations	\$4.00	\$237.00
Membership Dues	\$44.00	\$2,268.00
Human Race Donation		\$655.00
Volunteer Center - Human Race		\$1,590.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$48.00</b>	<b>\$4,750.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
<u>Administrative</u>		
Web Hosting		\$143.88
Web Administration		\$367.50
Newsletter Editing		\$1,190.00
Postage		\$26.03
Newsletter Printing/Postage		\$1,703.99
Paypal Reconciliation	\$1.42	\$28.67
Membership postage/copies		\$66.32
Insurance		\$563.00
Aptos Chamber of Commerce Dues		\$150.00
Beautification Gift Certificates		\$200.00
Human Race Thank-you notes		
Postage		\$28.20
Volunteer Center - Human Race		
Donations		\$655.00
CERT of Santa Cruz County	\$1,123.99	\$1,123.99
1Q Meeting Refreshments		\$200.00
1Q Meeting Microphone Rental		\$21.75
2Q Meeting Library Rental		\$75.00
Minipark Gardener	\$460.00	\$940.00
Gravel for Seacliff Drive		\$425.42
Village Triangle Cleanup		\$200.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,585.41</b>	<b>\$8,108.75</b>
<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>	<b>\$22,102.67</b>	<b>\$22,102.67</b>
<b>ENDING CASH BALANCE</b>	<b>\$22,102.67</b>	<b>\$22,102.67</b>

**Welcome New Members!**

Jim and Julie Caselli  
 Mary F. Fortune  
 Peter and Carol Lucey  
 Michael Miller  
 Native Revival Nursery  
 Paul Vitali

**We thank all 338 member households and friends for your continued support!**

Our board of directors meets on the second Tuesday of the month. Our meetings are held at the Aptos/ La Selva Fire station at 6:30 pm. All are welcome.

We have two openings on our board. If you are interested in serving on the board please send us an email:

[info@seacliffimprovement.org](mailto:info@seacliffimprovement.org)

To learn more or join the Seacliff Improvement Association visit:

<http://www.seacliffimprovement.org/>



To report neighborhood concerns and help the county keep Seacliff safe and

beautiful download the Citizen Connect App:

<https://sccappstore.co.santa-cruz.ca.us/>



*Thank you, Ron!*

Our beautification awards need beautifying themselves. Ron Derby has given them a thorough cleaning and new coat of paint several times since we began presenting awards. We are very grateful!

**Seacliff Improvement Association**  
**PO Box 533**  
**Aptos, CA 95001-0533**



**Mark your calendar**  
**SIA Annual Dinner**  
**October 29, 2016!**

***Share your newsletter with a new neighbor and invite them to join!***

**Membership Application/Renewal**

Annual Dues are \$20.00 (January– December)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Seacliff Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address if different: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (for newsletters and bulletins):

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email 2: \_\_\_\_\_

The association does not give out membership lists or phone numbers except to a fellow member for valid membership purposes. If this policy does not provide sufficient privacy, please check one of the two choices following:

Consult me before giving out my address or phone number to any SIA member

Or

Do not give out my address or phone number to any SIA member

Please include your check and mail to: Seacliff Improvement Association, P.O. Box 533, Aptos, CA 95001