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Don't Miss HBF's **Celebrate May!** 2021 Drawing

This year, our annual fundraising event, **Celebrate May!**, is taking the form of a wonderful drawing. Sign-up for our mailing list and be automatically entered into a special drawing for either an elegant multi-colored pearl necklace from **Steiner's Jewelry** or a bounty of daffodil bulbs. Mailing list sign-up and donation information is available at hillsboroughbeautificationfoundation.org. Drawing to be held on May 31; winners notified by e-mail.



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A Reimagined Year

We hope that you and yours have stayed safe and healthy this past year. Hillsborough Beautification Foundation reimagined our typical year to continue to positively impact our lovely town during this past year. As you peruse the photographs and updates in this newsletter, we hope you agree that we have succeeded.

As an organization, we embraced our mission of “Enhancing the beauty of our public landscape, encouraging community engagement and civic pride” with creativity and enthusiasm, seeking to bring our community together in new and meaningful ways. Our **virtual Veterans Day Celebration** was viewed by more than 700 people and included an in-depth interview with resident and World War II veteran, Edward Medzian. We transformed **Light Up The Town** into a joyful drive-thru celebration. Neighbors started at our festively decorated Town Hall and paraded to two decorated islands where we gave out candy canes and hot cocoa to more than 400 families. This Spring, we will be reimagining **Celebrate May!** our only annual fundraising event, with a wonderful drawing and we are hopeful that the community will respond enthusiastically.

The preservation of more than **145 completed projects** has been on display this Spring. The **hundreds of daffodils** planted annually by HBF have been blooming since February and the newly renovated Crossroads Park has opened to the public. As you walk around Town, look for the new HBF signs placed at sites we have beautified and improved. The tax-deductible donations received from you, our generous community, fund new projects and preserve our completed projects. We are grateful to you for your ongoing commitment to HBF. Thank you. We hope to see you in person soon!

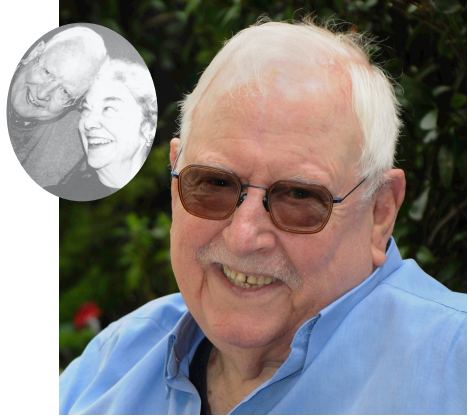
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HBF Honors Longtime Supporters, John and Sue Carver

Hillsborough Beautification Foundation would like to highlight a longtime supporter and founding member, John Carver. John and Sue Carver became Founding Friends of HBF in 1999 and have been generous contributors for 21 years. John joined the Board of Trustees in 2008 with the encouragement of his wife, Sue, who was an avid gardener and because he loves what HBF does for the community. John served on the Development Committee, the Open Space Committee and as Secretary of the Board from 2009-2012. He has lived in Hillsborough since 1940. Remembering the Town before HBF, John is overwhelmed by the improvements made by HBF and as a result, HBF is his favorite charity. He enjoys attending HBF events such as Veteran's Day Ceremony and Light Up the Town and has made many great friends working with HBF.

John and Sue were the first members of the Daffodil Legacy Society, HBF's planned giving program. The Carvers made a planned giving commitment to HBF because they appreciate all the improvements HBF has made over the years. John has said, "I am proud to be one of the founding members of the Daffodil Legacy Society.



I did not hesitate to include HBF in my estate plan because my wife, Sue, and I experienced the many benefits HBF brings to our Hillsborough community. **HBF plays an important role, beautifying our Town and bringing our residents together.** I am honored to have part of my legacy connected to HBF and to help ensure that HBF is able to continue its wonderful work for generations to come". John looks forward to the time when we can all be together again, celebrating at Town Hall.

The Hillsborough Beautification Foundation would like to thank John for the many years of support that he and Sue have given to our work and our community!



Floribunda Avenue at Walnut Avenue



Harvest Garden Growing Strong



HBF's Harvest Garden provided a wonderful way for a small team of interns, community members and a committed team of Master Gardeners to spend last summer during the pandemic. While long-time recipient of our harvest, CALL Primrose, was unable to accept our donations this past year, we were able to connect with a **new organization, GROW San Mateo**, and redirected our harvest to **Samaritan House's Food Pharmacy** program. GROW San Mateo (www.growsanmateo.org), a small, but highly effective non-profit, has been actively collecting produce from community gardens throughout the immediate area for over a year and partnering with the Samaritan House Food Pharmacy **to address food insecurity in the local underserved community.**

HBF is thrilled to be in partnership with GROW San Mateo and we've been able to learn more about food needs in our community and adjust our Harvest Garden growing patterns accordingly. Moving into spring and summer, we are planning our planting around what the clients at the Food Pharmacy are most inclined to eat. This includes peppers, tomatoes, cucumbers, chayote, potatoes and a variety of herbs. As part of our goal to feed those most impacted by the COVID19 pandemic, **HBF/Harvest Garden has also partnered with Hillsborough Helping** to collect fresh home-grown produce at the local donation stations in Town. If you have a bounty of fruits on your trees, please consider donating your excess at the collection sites on Tuesdays 9am-1pm. Please donate only home-grown, not overripe produce. We would be pleased to answer any questions about the Harvest Garden. Please contact Khristine Holterman at Khristine@holterman.net or 650-218-0559 or Lisa Avallone at LisaAvallone@comcast.net. Thank you for your support of HBF's Harvest Garden.

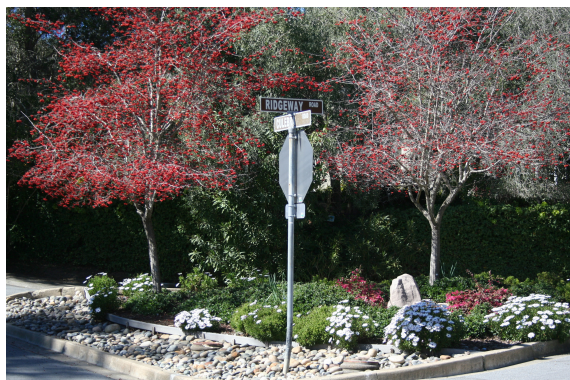
How Can You Help?

If you would like to volunteer in the Harvest Garden or sponsor a garden bed, please contact Khristine or Lisa. Garden workshops will begin in May, as permitted by COVID19 restrictions, and volunteers will be welcome with advance sign-ups. Garden bed sponsorships are \$250 annually and a popular way to contribute to the Garden





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All of us at HBF extend the most heartfelt appreciation to Jo Ann Wall upon her retirement. Jo Ann has graciously served HBF as an administrator since 2004. Over these 17 years Jo Ann has responded to the needs of our volunteers and worked as a partner with HBF. Her flawless behind the scenes execution was incredibly helpful to the HBF Board and Committee members, adding value and reducing stress! When asked about her plans for retirement, Jo Ann noted that she is “looking forward to spending time with John, her husband of 45 years, and traveling.” We will miss Jo Ann and wish her the very best in this next chapter.



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