

There is certainly nothing routine about 2020, and this year's Annual Meeting is no exception. For those of you who are new to "The Park", the San Mateo Park Neighborhood Assn. (SMPNA) holds an annual fall general meeting at Park School open to all residents. The agenda includes topics such as crime prevention, fire safety, City or State government matters of local importance, and our continuing efforts to maintain and improve the neighborhood, particularly our beloved street trees and islands.

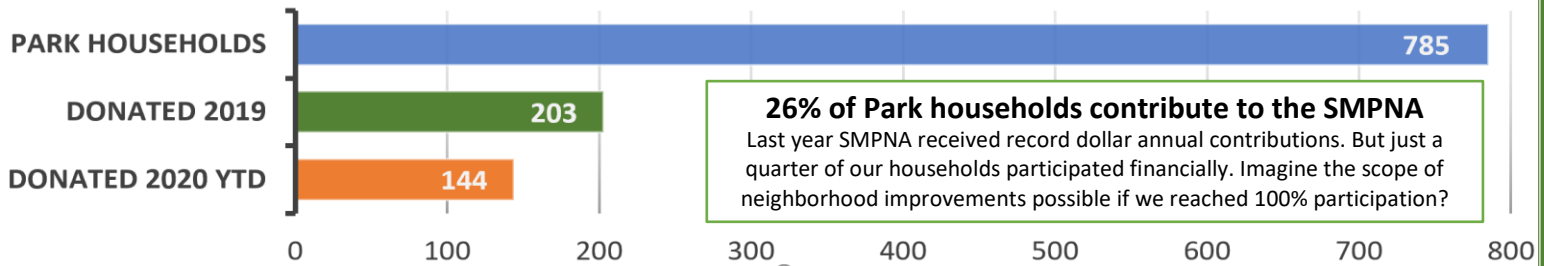
The brief update you hold before you includes broad details about some topics that would have been covered in greater depth at that annual meeting. We hope to see you in 2021.

We hope you and your families are safely and successfully navigating these crazy times and have Happy Holidays ahead of you. Please join us online this year. Oh, and check our website for an updated list recognizing our donors. 18% of our neighbors have donated to date this year. Please join them and help us exceed last year's 26% participation rate. Thank you for your continued generous support!



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## San Mateo Park



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### San Mateo Park Neighborhood Assn.

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## Finances, Tree Fund and Updates

San Mateo Park residents provided record levels of financial support during 2020. Our spring newsletter generated donations of \$31,400, including \$17,000 for annual dues and \$13,000 for the Tree Fund. With this level of support, we were well equipped to enact the island improvement projects planned for this year.

The SMPNA arranged and funded the watering of young island trees throughout the dry season, as well as removal of unsightly deadwood from 13 islands' trees. We also funded removal of deformed, dying trees that blighted their islands but did not qualify for City-funded removal. These efforts cost \$32K, pulled from a combination of our General and Tree funds, possible only through the neighborhood's exceptional financial generosity.

All three programs just outlined will continue into next year. In addition, we are working with the City on the renewal of one of our most 'needy' islands - stay tuned! Structural pruning for our young island trees is the single most important investment for their healthy, attractive growth according to the City's Managing Arborist. It is an expense the City does not make, so we plan to fund it.

Keep in mind that the City's Arborist reviews, helps develop and must approve project plans as well as assign staff to oversee the projects we fund in The Park. Some of the projects on our 'wish list' drawing board have slowed (what hasn't?) with COVID-19 exigencies. But they are on deck, and they will make noticeably good use of your contributions, past and future.

In our May newsletter (available on the website), we recognized the founding donors to the new Tree Fund. Since then, \$10,425 has been added, including 7 donors contributing more than \$1,000.



*'Tis the season on an Occidental island*

Please share our thanks to the following new Park Conservators: William Lee Yang, Joe Matt & Hillary Chen, Linda & John Gemello, Bill & Susan Kenney, Steve & Patty Porter, Steve & Patty Carlson, Dan Scheinman, Kurt de Grosz, and Rakhi & Ganesh Bell.

A special thanks to Paul Chapman (& Janet) for his time to improve our technology infrastructure. We have new online accounting and donation processing software in

place. Paul & Janet donated \$1,000 to spend on new technology, and we appreciate it.

We could use volunteer help from residents for data entry and for processing donations. If you are familiar with

MS Excel or similar applications, you could be a tremendous help to us for a couple hours a month of your time. And we are always interested in adding civic minded board members who can spend a few hours each month helping to keep The Park beautiful and its neighbors informed. We are happy to serve and there is room for more neighbors at the board table.

Your Grateful Volunteer SMPNA Board -

**Virginia McIsaac    Dave Pearson    Linda Bogue**  
**Margaret Handlery    David Long**

### SAN MATEO PARK DUES & CONTRIBUTIONS

Click on our direct link at: [www.sanmateopark.org/contribute](http://www.sanmateopark.org/contribute) for PayPal. Prefer a check? Please fill out the form below and mail check payable to SMPNA to: San Mateo Park Neighborhood Assn., P.O Box 1271, San Mateo, CA 94401

My name and address on reverse are correct. Or, please indicate any changes below:

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

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (s): \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to **your annual membership** donation, we welcome additional **Tree Fund contributions**.

ANNUAL DONATION LEVEL (check one)		
<input type="checkbox"/> \$200 McLaren Patron	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100 McLaren	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 Supporter

TREE FUND (check one)			
<input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

All dues are voluntary and are not a condition of membership. Contributions, dues and Tree Fund, are tax deductible (Fed EIN 56-2631949) and credited for recognition in the calendar year received. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Comments/Suggestions - email us at [board@sanmateopark.org](mailto:board@sanmateopark.org) or mail in your comments below:

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