



News - August 2020 issue

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### **Annual Meeting Planning by Kevin Jensen, your FHOA President**

With the necessary public health precautions associated with the Coronavirus, the FHOA board is instituting, hopefully, one-time modifications to our annual meeting and voting activities. The board can not plan on having an in-person annual meeting this coming January 12, 2021 (Tuesday.) We are preparing to conduct that meeting via Zoom software: <https://zoom.us/>. In order to participate live, you will need either a phone, smartphone, or Internet connection. On the Internet you do not need a webcam nor microphone as the chat room will be available. Additionally, this year's meeting has business that will require deliberation by the Association at Large.

To accommodate those changes and keep everyone informed, proxy, meeting information, and dues statements will be prepared and sent out earlier. The normal due date for the payment of annual dues will not change. The FHOA Board wants to forewarn

and inform our membership earlier to make participation as easy as possible. Spread the word among your neighbors. Ask the board questions at [fernsidehoa@gmail.com](mailto:fernsidehoa@gmail.com)



### **What Happened to the Lights? by William Morrison**

Every so often electric utilities will have a generator have problems or a power line have an unexpected interruption. Those occurrences are referred to as "forced outages." As would be expected, a utility takes steps to not have forced outages. One way is to have scheduled maintenance outages so that the consequences of any "down time" is kept to a minimum.

Alameda Municipal Power (AMP), is scheduling an outage to replace a power pole that is in danger of failure due to age and deterioration. Often AMP can work around the outage, but this time the pole distributes power to a number of blocks in the Fernside area.

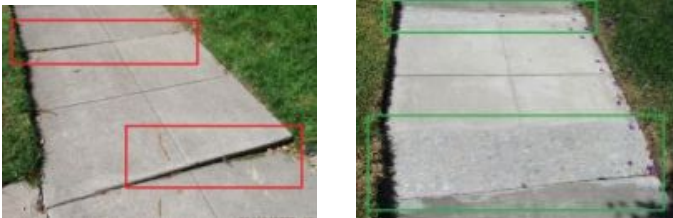
On Tuesday August 18th, AMP will deenergize the line that serves the southside of Gibbons (even number houses) and the northside of Bayo Vista and Southwood (odd number houses) from the intersection of Southwood and Gibbons to High Street. The lights go out at 09:00 and are expected to be that way for probably ten hours.

Affected residences should have received a door hanger. Hints to prepare for the outage are on the back side of the notice.



## Anybody Notice the Sidewalks? by William Morrison

Alameda's Department of Public works (DPW) has recently reduced the trip hazards of our uneven sidewalks. The DPW is using concrete planing to take off the rough edges between concrete sidewalk blocks.



(depicted are two different sidewalks  
left: uneven. right: shaved)

The program is less expensive than breaking up the uneven blocks and reinstalling the damaged sidewalk. Not all of our uneven sidewalk is a candidate for planing, but with the reduced cost more repairs and corrections can be accommodated.

[Editor's note: that happened in the 3100 block of Bayo Vista Avenue, 1800 block of Cornell Drive, along Pearl and Moreland, and more .... Workers smoothed out where one concrete square or edge was higher than an adjacent section. Unfortunately the sidewalks along Gibbons Drive are not candidates for that treatment.]



## Holiday Lamppost Decorating by The Committee



FHOA is ordering more red bows and ribbons for the purpose of decorating our neighborhood lampposts. The committee wants to know :

- do you have any supplies that you do not plan to use any more?
- how many existing bows and ribbons do you have?
- how many more bows and ribbons would you like to install?
- which lamppost addresses do you plan on decorating this year?

If you have not participated in previous years, maybe this year will be your first.

Please contact our committee members Marianne Landis, Tracy Brotze, and Mohan Vemulapalli at [fernsidehoa@gmail.com](mailto:fernsidehoa@gmail.com)  
Thank you for your interest.

Looking forward to happier holiday times.



## National Night Out

by Jim Strehlow

The Fernside Home Owners Association did not hold a National Night Out event (invite police, fire, emergency responders, City Council) on the first Tuesday in August (4th) as we did the past two years. The National Association of Town Watch recommends celebrating on October 6th, the first Tuesday in October.

<https://natw.org>

The FHOA board decided that even October 6<sup>th</sup> is too soon to organize an outdoor event. If you would like to help us plan a neighborhood event in August 2021, please contact the board at **fernsidehoa@gmail.com**

The FHOA board encourages you and your local neighbors could meet (in a small group or on some Internet conference) to celebrate National Night Out on your own.



## Transportation: Tilden Way

by Jim Strehlow

The City of Alameda Public Works and Alameda Transportation Commission are planning on making changes to the lanes of the Miller-Sweeney Bridge (from Tilden Way towards Fruitvale Avenue in Oakland.) Also they plan on changing the intersection of Tilden Way at Fernside Blvd/Blanding Avenue. Any changes to that intersection would impact vehicle traffic on Blanding Avenue, Tilden Way, and Fernside Blvd.

For updated information on those discussions and to make your voice heard, check the Active Alameda Transportation Plan on the Internet at

<https://www.activealameda.org/Home>

and the Transportation Choices Plan at

[https://www.alamedaca.gov/files/sharedassets/public/alameda/transportation/tcp/tcp\\_public-final-01\\_04\\_2018.pdf](https://www.alamedaca.gov/files/sharedassets/public/alameda/transportation/tcp/tcp_public-final-01_04_2018.pdf)

The Alameda Transportation Commission meets on the fourth Wednesdays (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in November) of odd-numbered months. Their next meeting is:

<https://alameda.legistar.com/DepartmentDetail.aspx?ID=22851&GUID=D59DF786-2980-4EFB-AFF0-5E6AFB83AB81>

and then click on the [Calendar] tab to see it is scheduled for Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm

