



Treasurer-Tax Collector-Revenue Services Newsletter

At A Glance ~ February 2017

Treasurer

Sandie Arnott, Treasurer-Tax Collector

•Our Association (CACTTC) Legislation Day in Sacramento proved to be very successful. Two Senators and 3 Assemblymen expressed interest in co-authoring my platform, SB7. The Governor's office, who is very interested in school bond reform, has discussed possibly folding it into a State bill. Either way, I'm quite pleased about the support for changing legislation to provide more transparency in presenting bond measures to taxpayers and more accountability from bond oversight committees in reporting progress. I will continue to keep you updated on this.

•Those of you who remember my predecessor, Lee Buffington, might also remember his grandson, Robert. I had lunch with Robert who is now 29 and the owner of a Property Management Company in San Jose. He is married to his wife Faith, for the past 4 years, and has two children: Lizzie (2) and Charles Lee (6 mos.).

• **Coffee with Sandie:** I have had the opportunity to meet with several of you for coffee and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you outside of the workplace. I hope you have found our time together enjoyable as well. If you have not already signed up for a coffee chat with me, please do so. I am extending an open invitation to each of you.

Revenue Services

Laura Williams, Revenue Services Division Manager

•Upcoming Meetings:

Court unit staff meeting February 9, 2017

Hospital unit staff meeting February 14, 2017

•The tentative date for traffic accounts to be transferred to Revenue Services is sometime in April.

•Congratulations! Krystal welcomed a baby girl, Mischa Sky, on December 30, 2016. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 13 oz. and measures 20 inches. Both mom and baby are doing well.



Interested in buying a home on the Peninsula?

The County has partnered with the San Mateo Credit Union to create a Down Payment Assistance Program which offers a \$100,000 loan toward the down payment requirement for a home in San Mateo County. In addition to the down payment assistance, the program also offers a 40-year loan for home purchases up to \$1.5 million.

Info sessions are being held on **February 7th at 11-12 and 1-2**, at the San Mateo Credit Union in Redwood City San Mateo Credit Union (350 Convention Way Redwood City, CA 94063) Interested parties should email smcuseminar@smcu.org with the session they are interested in attending to reserve their spot.

More details here: <http://housing.smcgov.org/employee-down-payment-assistance-program>

Human Resources & Wellness

Tiffany Htwe, Management Analyst

•**Save the date!** Last year the department retreat was so successful that we decided to hold it again. The Treasurer-Tax Collector-Revenue Services Retreat will be held on Wednesday October 4, 2017. Please send your suggestions for agenda items to Tiffany as soon as possible.

•**Department Wellness:** Have you scheduled your annual wellness screening? The wellness screening provides you with important baseline information about your health such as: blood pressure, body mass index, and cholesterol levels.

In order to qualify for a \$500 dividend, you must also complete an online assessment after the screening.

Your first step to getting a Wellness Dividend is to schedule your wellness screening. For County wellness screening appointments, go to pickatime.com/smcgov

In an effort to provide filtered drinking water for Treasurer-Tax Collector-Revenue Services employees we are currently in the process of installing an inline water filter unit that provides hot and cold water with an ice maker.

Meanwhile, the tap water in the Treasurer-Tax Collector breakroom is filtered directly through the incoming water line and it's safe to drink. Everyone is welcome to use the breakroom for filtered water. We recently added a combination keypad to the breakroom door. Please obtain the code from Tiffany. As a reminder, the breakroom is strictly for Treasurer- Tax Collector-Revenue Services employees only.

Investments

Charles Tovstein, Chief Investment Officer & Joe Demee, Financial Services Manager II

•The current par value of the pool is \$4.9 billion and the estimated gross earnings for the month ending in January 31, 2017 is 1%.

Tax Collector

Robin Elliott, Assistant Tax Collector

•The Tax department has a staff meeting scheduled Wednesday, February 15th at 8:15 a.m.

•Robin and Patrick are looking into IVR solutions to address the issues we have recently been experiencing with IVR payments.

•Robin and Kathy N. are participating with an interdepartmental group to evaluate the possibility of using an external vendor to assist with collecting TOT revenue from Short Term Rentals.