



### ***“Friday Letter”***

**To the Board of Directors  
December 21, 2012**

From: Rick Howard, General Manager

#### **General Manager/Administration:**

- ✓ I'd like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- ✓ This past year has been one of major accomplishments for the Town. The Board showed clear and strong leadership and the results speak for themselves. We have a very robust capital improvement program underway, our efforts to locate a Community Center in Discovery Bay are close at hand, and our parks and landscape areas continue to improve from one year to the next. Next year will only continue to build on this year, and I'm looking forward to another year of successes.
- ✓ Fortunately, reports of December 21, 2012 being the end of the world, as some had predicted, have proven to be false. Below is the weather report from earlier this week. Thank goodness the Mayans were wrong!



- ✓ The District Office's will be closed December 24, and 25, and again on December 31 and January 1. Regular business hours will remain in place for all other days. In the event of an emergency, after hour's on-call personnel (including Veolia) procedures are in place.

### **Water and Wastewater Services**

- ✓ We had three major water leaks this past week; one on Beaver, one on Clipper, and one on Bolinas Place. JW handled the service interruptions and repairs. All affected homes were restored service with only minor inconvenience.
- ✓ Last week I noted that we have zeroed in on a site for Well 7. We have sent a letter to the Department of Public Health seeking comment on our proposed location. Due to the holidays, we do not anticipate a response before January.

### **Parks and Landscape Services**

- ✓ Earlier this year, staff notified the Board that the controller device for the Ravenswood Splash Pad had malfunctioned and needed replacement. As you recall, that was a fairly expensive item. The vendor has agreed to warranty the item and will be issuing a reimbursement to the District in the amount of \$1,343 (they had initially agreed to split a portion of controller).
- ✓ As I noted last week, the County gave us the green light to place the Blue Star Memorial marker at Slifer Park as a part of our Earth Day project for 2013. Attached, please see the flyer that will soon be distributed pertaining to this project.

### **Important Dates**

Upcoming important dates are as follows:

- Town offices will be closed for Christmas on December 24 and 25, 2012.
- Town offices will be closed for New Year's December 31, 2012 and January 1, 2013.
- CSD Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, January 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
- Annual Board Planning Workshop – Saturday, February 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

## How to Donate:

The following are items that can be donated that would greatly assist this project:

- Landscaping items
- Decomposed Granite
- Soil Amendment
- Irrigation Supplies
- Plants
- Trees
- Monetary Contributions

Along with the above items, there are a lot of Volunteer opportunities both before and during the Earth Day 2013 event!

If **YOU** would like to Volunteer your time, please contact:

**Town of  
Discovery Bay CSD**  
Sue Heil

Administrative Assistant  
Parks & Landscaping  
(925) 634-1733  
sheinl@todb.ca.gov

For monetary donations  
please contact:

**Discovery Bay Garden Club**  
Charity Kadow  
Ph: (925) 516-8377

### **Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District**

Contact: Fairin Perez  
Ph: (925) 634-1733  
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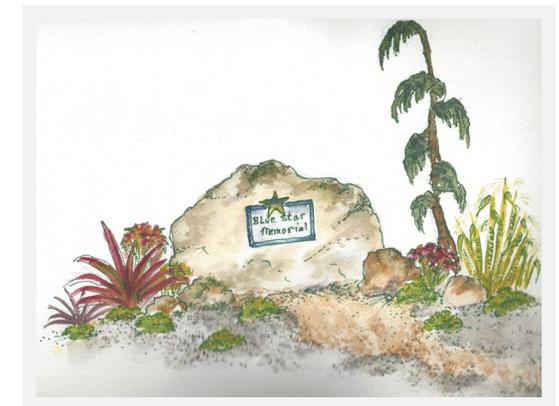


## **Town of Discovery Bay Community Services District**

### **Discovery Bay Garden Club**

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## **Blue Star Memorial Project**



Artist drawing by Muriel Taylor

## History of Blue Star Memorial Highways

**Blue Star Memorial Highways** are highways in the United States that are marked to pay tribute to the U.S. armed forces. The National Council of State Garden Clubs, now known as National Garden Clubs, Inc., started the program in 1945 after World War II. The blue star was used on service flags to denote a service member fighting in the war. The program has since been expanded to include **Memorial Markers** and **Memorial By-ways** (since 1994). These markers are used in National Cemeteries, parks, veterans facilities, and gardens.

The Discovery Bay Garden Club has received approval from the National Garden Club to place a Blue Star By-Way marker within Discovery Bay.



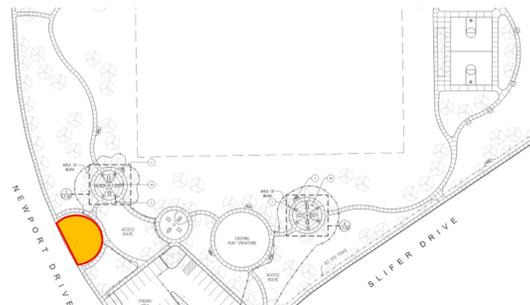
### Project Information

The Blue Star Memorial Project planning has already started. The area around the plaque will have a theme of serenity and peace with a Zen-type feeling. The physical ground-breaking will start in January 2013. The Project will be completed by April 21, 2013. This is also the date scheduled for the **Town of Discovery Bay Earth Day 2013** event.

The official dedication of the Blue Star Memorial will take place on Memorial Day, May 27, 2013.

### Town of Discovery Bay Earth Day 2013

Residents of Discovery Bay are invited to participate in the upcoming **Earth Day 2013** event to be held on April 21, 2013. The activities scheduled for this day will include assisting the Discovery Bay Garden Club with the placement of the Plaque and placement of trees and plants around the Plaque. The festival will also feature local eco-friendly vendors to help educate people of all ages on becoming more environmentally friendly. This will be an "Earth-Friendly" family opportunity to volunteer and learn more about environmental issues.



Location of  
Discovery Bay Blue Star Memorial  
Slifer Park, Discovery Bay

### Discovery Bay Garden Club

The Discovery Bay Garden Club was established in May 1993. The Club meets the 2nd Friday morning of each month at private homes of group members.

The group continues to promote interest in and love of gardens and gardening.

If you would like more information or would like to become a member of the Discovery Bay Garden Club, please contact the Discovery Bay Garden Club Co-President, Linda Darrah at (925) 634-8579.

For more information on how to be a part of the **Town of Discovery Bay CSD Earth Day 2013** event, please contact:

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