

"An Eye for an Eye Only Ends Up Making the Whole World Blind."

- M.K. Ghandi



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## Huntington Park Views

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Huntington Park Neighborhood

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Opens the Danford  
Technology Center
- \* Huntington Park Real  
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### About Joseph Capote

I am a longtime Huntington Park resident and licensed Realtor with Alain Pinel Realtors in Burlingame. I am passionate about my community, serving on the Board of Directors of both the San Bruno Education Foundation and San Bruno Chamber of Commerce. I also work as the El Crystal PTA Treasurer. Contact me at [JCapote@Apr.com](mailto:JCapote@Apr.com) or visit me on the web at [www.JosephCapote.com](http://www.JosephCapote.com).

## El Crystal Elementary School Set To Open the Danford Technology Center

The Danford Center for Innovation and Technology is slated to open at El Crystal Elementary School in January. The center, a collaborative effort between El Crystal elementary and the Krause Center at Foothill College, will be used to provide professional development for educators.

El Crystal has long had a relationship with the Krause Center at Foothill College to provide this professional development for educators. Now the Krause Center has partnered with the Danford foundation to establish a North County location for the center at El Crystal elementary.

Aside from providing professional development tools and resources for educators throughout the Peninsula,

the Danford center will also provide teaching incentives for incorporating technology into the classrooms.

Skip Johnson, El Crystal Elementary Principal since 1993, has long supported the use of technology in the classroom. Mr. Johnson was recognized for his efforts in helping to establish the center by San Bruno Park School District superintendent Dr. David Hutt as well as George and Catherine Fischer during a September board meeting.

The next El Crystal PTA meeting is scheduled for January 19th at 6:00pm PST. To make a charitable contribution to the El Crystal PTA, contact Joseph Capote at [JCapote@Apr.com](mailto:JCapote@Apr.com).



The Danford Technology Center at  
El Crystal Elementary School.

## Huntington Park History

Huntington Park is one of San Bruno's oldest neighborhoods. The city began as a stop on the Butterfield stage coach route. In 1849, an inn was built on the corner of El Camino and San Mateo Avenue. First known as Thorp's place, the Inn eventually became Uncle Tom's Cabin and was a San Bruno eating, drinking and gaming establishment for seventy five years until it

was torn down in 1949. The location became home to a Lucky's supermarket and is currently Walgreen's drugstore.

**Did you know?** That the paving of California's first state highway, El Camino Real, began in 1912 and broke ground right in front of Uncle Tom's Cabin on Crystal Springs and El Camino Real.

### Key Dates in History:

- 1914—San Bruno Incorporated
- 1927—San Francisco Airport Opened
- 1930—El Camino Theater Opened
- 1939—Golden Gate National Cemetery created by the War Department
- 1940's— El Crystal and Decima Allen elementary schools opened.

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## Recent Home Sales

- **1313 Poplar Ave.**  
3br/1ba \$548,000
- **444 Poplar Ave.**  
3br/1ba \$438,500
- **565 Beech Ave.**  
3br/2ba \$599,000
- **537 Cypress Ave.**  
2br/1ba \$393,000 *Bank Owned!*
- **548 Chestnut Ave.**  
2br/1ba \$475,000
- **279 Elm Ave.**  
2br/1ba \$308,000 *Bank Owned!*
- **273 Cypress Ave.**  
3br/2ba \$580,000
- **433 Chestnut Ave.**  
3br/1ba \$435,000 *Bank Owned!*
- **327 Hazel Ave.**  
3br/2ba \$625,000

## Huntington Park Real Estate Focus

San Bruno's Huntington Park has seen it's median home remain stable over the course of the past few months with a sharp drop in December to finish out the year.

A single family residence in Huntington park enjoys a median home price of \$416,000. This is quite a drop from November's median price of \$578,000 and due to the sale of three low priced bank owned properties.

Mortgage rates eased off a bit after rising in December. As of January 13, a 30 year fixed rate mortgage averaged 4.71%, down from 4.77% a week earlier and 5.06% over the same time last year.

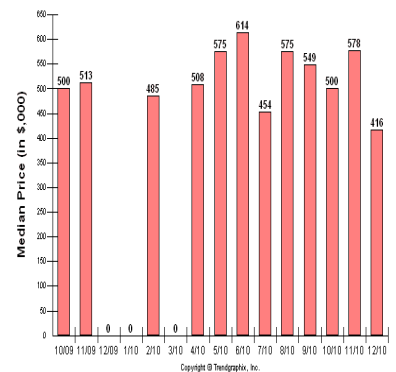
Distressed properties, such as short sales and foreclosure properties,

continue to make up over 40% of the available homes in San Bruno. Of the 8 homes for sale in Huntington Park, none are distressed properties (as of January 13).

In December, Huntington Park saw 4 homes sold with no homes going pending.

The new year promises new opportunities for the real estate market. Home buyers are coming out of the woodwork to move forward on good pricing and rising interest rates. Although the first time homebuyer credits have long since dried up, mortgage rates and attractive pricing offer buyers good options.

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Median Home Prices in Huntington Park  
over the last 12 Months.



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