



JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION!



STFNA Membership Application and Renewal

Name: _____
 E-mail: _____
 (your e-mail is private and will not be shared outside of STFNA)
 Address: _____
 City / Zip code: _____
 Phone: _____

Date: _____

Check here if this is a renewal.

Mail form and enclose check payable to:
 Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Assoc.
 PO BOX 53432
 San Jose, CA 95153



Register online
www.STFNA.org
 or email
contact@stfna.org



Please accept my voluntary contribution of: \$20 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$_____ Other

Tell us which issues interest you the most:

- Foothills Open Space Preservation Coyote Alamitos Trail
 Public Education and Awareness Safe Neighborhoods
 Neighborhood Beautification Other: _____

THANK YOU!

AROUND TOWN...



Doggie Dispensers

Doggie Dispensers – you may have noticed that the doggy dispensers along Curie Drive and at the corner of Snell/Colleen have not been filled in awhile. Unfortunately, another result of the city's budget cuts. We hope to do our own investigation as a neighborhood association to see if we can provide those to our neighbors in the near future. Stay tuned. On another note: please do not leave your filled bags on the park strips behind the walls and dispose of them properly in the nearest garbage can.

Curie Drive Update – Thank You All!

Many thanks to the volunteers who came out over the Summer to keep things looking neat and tidy on their own schedule. Most especially to Roland LeBrun who every week came out to water by hand, those trees still needing a bit of TLC. Due to budget cuts, watering of the trees was slashed. Thanks everyone! Next April – Spring clean up.

Jacqueline_price@mindspring.com or 408-226-8679

Local Safety Information and Alerts Available from SJFD & SJPF

The Neighborhood has recently experienced two significant emergency events. On August 26th a large grass fire burned 50 acres in the hills above Curie Drive. On September 20th a female jogger was attacked on the trail at Snell Avenue, but managed to fight off her attacker. Please exercise caution at dawn and dusk on the trail system. The San Jose Fire Department and the San Jose Police Department now offer alert feeds for residents.

SJFD: <http://twitter.com/SJFD>

Alert System: <http://www.alertscc.com/>

STFNA - 2011 Scholarship for Seniors is back!

We hope to award \$1000 to a deserving senior at the end of this academic year. The scholarship is open to any graduating senior living within the boundaries of the association whether they be a GED, home schooled, private or public senior. We're looking for donations! Personal or from local businesses to make this happen. If you, or someone you know, would like to donate, please contact Jacqueline Price at Jacqueline_price@mindspring.com Our timeline is ongoing with the hopes of having our scholarship announcement in April 2011.



SANTA TERESA FOOTHILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Neighborhood Newsletter

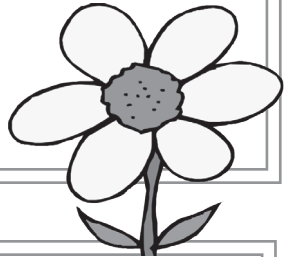
Preservation of the Santa Teresa Foothills | Creation of a public trail along the Coyote-Alamitos Canal
 Public Education and Awareness | Safe Neighborhoods | Hillside Development Enforcement

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Neighborhood Meeting Monday, November 8th



MEET YOUR COUNCILMEMBERS...

Come out to meet Councilmembers Ash Kalra (District 2) and Nancy Pyle (District 10), our new Police Commander, local police & fire officers, and your neighbors! It's time once again for our biannual neighborhood meeting, which will give you a chance to learn more about what is going on in the neighborhood from projects that STFNA is working on to crime activity. We'll have the following presentations/discussions:

- Crime and police activity - the new police commander, Captain Rikki Goede has been invited to attend
- A representative from the city's Environmental Services Department will let us know the issues and law being considered for banning bags
- City Councilmembers Nancy Pyle and Ash Kalra will give us an update on city activities that affect our neighborhood
- We'll also elect new board members for the neighborhood association, and
- Discuss volunteer opportunities and ongoing activities such as the neighborhood scholarship, hillside preservation, and trail development

Where:

Santa Teresa Library
 Community Room
 290 International Circle
 San Jose
 (Santa Teresa & Camino Verde)

Who:

Police Captain Rikki Goede

When:

Monday
 November 8th, 2010
 7:00pm-9:00pm

WORRIED ABOUT CUTS IN CITY SERVICES? YOU CAN EASILY HELP!

Many San Jose residents feel that there is little they can do when it comes to maintaining police, fire, library, park, community center, street maintenance, and other services. However, there is an easy way for residents to make a significant difference and that is simply the following:

When you have a choice, patronize the business located in San Jose as opposed to one located in a neighboring city.

The reason is that a portion of the sales tax paid on purchases made in San Jose goes directly to the City's General Fund, out of which many services are funded. So, if you shop, you will directly benefit yourself by doing so in San Jose. Examples:

- Purchase your next car from a San Jose dealership
- If you have a favorite store with multiple locations, patronize the one located in San Jose
- Use Mineta San Jose Airport

Trivia Question: Did you know that the western portion of the Valley Fair Mall is located in Santa Clara and that the eastern portion is located in San Jose? Similarly, for Stevens Creek Auto Row, the dealerships on the south side of the street are located in San Jose and those on the north side are located in Santa Clara. So, depending on which store or dealership you are in, the sales tax on your purchases will go to Santa Clara instead of San Jose!

Want to advertise to the neighborhood and provide support?

Contact John Cunningham at
johnc@stfna.org for more information.

What's New in Our Neighborhood

Whole Foods to Open in November

The first Whole Foods in San Jose (at the corner of Almaden Expressway and Blossom Hill) is still scheduled to open in mid-November.

TGI Friday's & Almaden Mining Company Approved

TGI Friday's and the Almaden Mining Company been approved by the Planning Commission to open in District 10. TGI Friday's will open at the corner of Blossom Hill Road and Santa Teresa Boulevard. The Almaden Mining Company will open in the shopping center on Almaden Expressway and Camden Avenue in the former Blockbuster site.

San Jose Plans to Repave Monterey Highway

The City of San Jose has applied for Federal grants to repave Monterey Highway between Bernal Road and Blossom Hill Road, and Santa Teresa Boulevard between Bernal Road and San Ignacio Avenue. While it is not an absolute guarantee, City expects to receive a full grant amount of just under \$8 million and begin the paving project will begin by summer of 2011.

District 2 News from Councilmember Ash Kalra

The fall season has been very busy but exciting for District 2. Not only did we have some amazing weather, we also had some amazing events take place. The first event was the 11th Annual CommunityFest in George Page Park on September 18th. I have to admit---I was a little worried when the morning started off a little gray and damp, but the sun quickly broke through, and the event was a great success! Also, STFNA was there, as always, providing great information to the community and recruiting new members.

As if CommunityFest wasn't enough, on the following Saturday, September 25th, I was proud to host the long-awaited grand opening of the Edenvale Community Center! As many of you know, it was not easy to get this amazing project off the ground. That is why it was so gratifying to see the hundreds of families filling the new Community Center at the grand opening. I was also very glad that former District 2 Councilmember Forrest Williams was able to attend, since he, along with the members of the Edenvale/Roundtable and Great Oaks Neighborhood Associations, worked so hard for this project.

Speaking of working hard, I had to work pretty hard to beat Forrest during our one-on-one basketball challenge. Although I was able to narrowly edge him out, the man definitely has some strong basketball skills.

San Jose City Budget-in-Brief

Developing the 2010-2011 Adopted Budget was extremely difficult, given the magnitude of the General Fund shortfall that had to be addressed, as well as the fiscal problems in several other City funds. A combination of strategies was used to close the budget gap, including service reductions and eliminations, employee total compensation reductions, service delivery changes, and funding shifts, use of reserves, and fee/tax increases. The Budget-in-Brief is a summary of the Adopted Budget for FY 2010-2011. It provides a good snapshot of our overall budget numbers, as well as highlights for every City Service Area including impacts from budget actions and core services that will continue to be provided. It also summarizes the services and corresponding positions which were restored on a one-time basis in 2010-2011. This means that unless other funding sources are identified, these positions and services will end effective June 30, 2011. The recently completed FY 2010-2011 Budget-in-Brief is now available online at www.sanjoseca.gov/budget/FY1011/2010-2011AdoptedBudgetinBriefFINAL.pdf

There was another important event that happened that I want to make sure everyone is aware of. On October 4th, the VTA added a new weekday, peak-hour express light rail service between the Santa Teresa Station in District 2 and the Baypointe Station. The VTA Commuter Express will provide three northbound trips during the peak morning commute, and three southbound trips for the peak evening commute. To make your trip even more convenient, the light rail will also have free Wi-Fi available. For those of you who often have to sit in the "parking lot" known as Highway 87, I'm sure this comes as great news!

With winter now coming along, it is nearing the time to celebrate the holiday season and appreciate the contributions our District 2 residents have given to the community. I will be hosting our Second Annual District 2 Holiday Appreciation Event on Saturday, December 4th at the new Edenvale Community Center, where we will recognize residents for their outstanding service to the community. If you know any District 2 resident who you would like to recognize for their amazing service, please contact my office by November 10th with your nomination.

As always, I'd love to hear from you with any questions, comments, or concerns. Please feel free to contact my office at (408) 535-4902, or email me at district2@sanjoseca.gov

Best Regards,
Ash Kalra, Councilmember
<http://www.sjdistrict2.com/>

District 10 News from Councilmember Nancy Pyle

My daughter Lisa recently completed the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure. This event is a grueling three-day, 60 mile trek to raise money for the fight against breast cancer. I joined her at the finish line in San Francisco to celebrate her achievement – and was surprised and excited to see several San Jose Police officers assisting with the event! Twenty seven of our very own officers from the San Jose Police Department volunteered their time to escort 1,400 participants in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure on their walk throughout San Francisco.

This annual event, which takes place in 15 cities across the country, raises millions of dollars for breast cancer research and patient support programs. Through their participation, the officers ensure the safety and well-being of thousands of walkers. Like all of their fellow SJPD officers, they are there to serve and protect us even during their off-duty hours. The department's participation in the fight against breast cancer started in 2000 when a group of ten San Jose Police officers were asked to accompany walkers during the first leg of the 3-day walk. At that time, the event started in San Jose and ended in San Francisco.

Ten years later, this dedicated group has grown in number to anywhere from 20 to 35 officers who participate in three different breast cancer awareness events each year: the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in San Francisco and the Susan G. Komen 3-Day events in both San Francisco and San Diego. Chief of Police Rob Davis even participated one year!

Most of the participating officers have been touched at one point or another by breast cancer and all are committed to eliminating this disease, which affects one in eight women. The officers, who escort race participants on bicycle, have even spearheaded their own fundraising efforts, putting together a "Bike Cop" calendar that raised \$10,000 for breast cancer research.

Our firefighters have also answered the after-hours call to serve and protect. Two off-duty San Jose firefighters were unexpectedly called into action on October 3 when they happened to spot flames at an apartment building on Via Monte Drive in District 10. The two immediately began working, grabbing a garden hose, shutting off the utilities and evacuating the apartments. Thanks to their quick thinking – and a fire engine that was in the neighborhood on a medical aid call – the fire was contained within an hour and most of the damage was confined to the apartment where the fire started. The men and women of the San Jose Police Department and the San Jose Fire Department are members of our community in every sense of the word, striving to make San Jose a better place to live, work and play whether they're on duty or not.

All the best from a very proud mom,
Nancy Pyle
District 10 Councilmember
<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district10/>

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Have general questions about the neighborhood? E-mail us at contact@stfna.org. Have questions for the president of the association? E-mail him at mattf@stfna.org.

Volunteer Opportunities as the Holidays Approach

One of the most active charitable support organizations in Santa Clara County is Second Harvest. While they need support all year, they certainly need help



Season, especially in the current down economy. Second Harvest Food Bank is the primary source of donated, surplus, and purchased food for non-profit agencies in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties.

In fiscal year 2010 (July 2009 - June 2010), they distributed over 45.5 million pounds of nutritious food to low-income people in need in every zip code of their service area from Daly City to Gilroy, and from the ocean to the bay.

Second Harvest's "Santa Clara County Operation Brown Bag" distributes food to low income seniors and families at the Southside Community Center on a weekly basis and can always use some help. If you wish to volunteer or donate to Second Harvest, visit them at <http://shfb.org/home>

For more volunteering opportunities visit Volunteer Match, a site that matches your interest, skills and time with organizations looking for help: <http://www.volunteermatch.org>