



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...

Disaster and Emergency Preparedness

Saturday, April 25, 10:00am – 4:00pm
 Pioneer High School, 1290 Blossom Hill Road

On Saturday, April 25th join Councilmember Nancy Pyle, the San Jose Police and Fire Departments and representatives from the Red Cross for FREE disaster preparedness workshops, kids activities, a resource fair, a blood drive, a BBQ fundraiser and live music. The conference goes from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm and the schedule of activities can be found on the website www.sjdep.org. You are encouraged to register for classes online before they fill up, but you may also drop in any time!

72 hour emergency kits are on sale on the website www.sjdep.org for only \$19.50. They include a three day supply of food, water, toiletries and a space blanket in an easy to carry backpack. Kits will be available for sale until April 30th.

Whole Foods Update

Whole Foods has postponed most of their new store and remodeling projects all across America. One such postponed project is the Whole Foods going in on Blossom Hill. The City expects to see revised plans for the store soon so the construction can be completed for the 2010 projected opening. It is expected that the revised plans will feature a downsized store plan, as Whole Foods has experienced financial set backs due to the current economic climate. The Whole Foods on Blossom Hill is on the priority list for new stores opening in 2010 so as of now there is no reason to expect the opening will be delayed further than 2010.

The Great American Little Pick Up

Saturday, April 25, 8:30am – 11:30am

Help clean up litter in San Jose! To participate in this year's Litter Pick Up, call (408) 277-3208 and sign up. On the day of the event, registration goes from 8:00am to 8:30am and then the Litter Pick up is from 8:30am to 11:30am. Sign up, pick up and clean up your community!

District 2 location: Oak Grove High School, Meet at old quad, between student parking lot & theatre.
 District 10 location: Pioneer High School

STFNA BOARD MEMBERS:

- Matt Freeman - President
- John Hesler - Vice President
- John Cunningham - Secretary
- Lynne Paulson - Recording Secretary
- Rick Mandel - Treasurer
- Forrest Williams - Director
- Nancy Pyle - Director
- Ash Kalra - Director
- Christine Kukielka - Director
- Eleanor Bossa - Director

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.



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

Thursday, April 30th

WHERE:

Southside Community Center
 5585 Cottle Road, San Jose
 (corner of Cottle & Poughkeepsie)

WHEN:

Thursday, April 30th, 2009
 7:00pm - 9:00pm

At the Meeting...

Jessie Denver from the City of San Jose will present the City's adopted Green Vision. Come hear about all the new programs and incentives and tax benefits for residents to save on energy and reduce waste. Learn about methods to reduce utility costs. Learn how the Green Vision fits into the City's strategy for economic growth.

Captain Vaughan Edwards from the San Jose Police will talk about any recent police activity in the area and answer questions you may have about crime and safety.

City Council Members Nancy Pyle and Ash Kalra will talk about what is going on at city hall that affects our neighborhood, and will be available to answer questions.

We'll provide updates and discussion on activities the neighborhood association is involved in, including the new scholarship, new membership website, cleanups, and other activities which are coming up.

STFNA Welcomes new Councilmember Ash Kalra and Returning City Councilmember Nancy Pyle

In addition to a new president, we also elected city councilmembers during the November election. Our neighborhood is so big it extends into two city council districts! Anyone living between Blossom Ave and Bailey is in district 2 (Ash Kalra), and anyone living between Blossom and Coleman is in district 10 (Nancy Pyle's district).

Both the councilmembers serve on the board of directors of our neighborhood association and are actively involved in our neighborhood. To contact the councilmembers visit their websites, www.sanjoseca.gov/district2 and www.sanjoseca.gov/district10.

Do you have questions about **how to save energy**, whether **solar power** is feasible on your house, or how to **reduce waste**?

Want to meet the **police commander** for our area?

How about questions for the city council members **Nancy Pyle** and **Ash Kalra**?

Come on out to our neighborhood meeting and learn what is happening in the area, find out ways to participate, and **meet your neighbors!**



Want to advertise to the neighborhood and provide support?

STFNA will be launching a new website in the next few weeks and will be looking for advertisers to offset the cost, and allow businesses a chance to reach out to their local customers.

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



Letter from City Councilmember Kalra

Hello Santa Teresa neighbors! I look forward to seeing you at the general membership meeting on April 30th and updating you on issues important to the community. In the meantime, I did want to update you on a couple of projects happening around the district.

The Hitachi site, which is ultimately planned for close to 3,000 homes and several thousand square feet of commercial space, is currently on hold due to the economic downturn in the housing market. However, the public parks are almost completely finished and will be available for community use within the next few weeks. The parks include a soccer field, baseball diamond and running course. Next to the same site, the Lowe's Home Improvement store is going through the permit process and we can expect to see some physical action on the site before the end of the year.

The police substation on the southeastern corner of the Hitachi site is being built as you read this. However, due to design flaws, there has been a delay that will prevent the opening of the station until well into 2010.

Closer to your neighborhood, the Albertson Parkway is currently being constructed and should be available for use this summer. There were concerns from some neighbors that the trail users could see into their backyards. So, the engineers redesigned the pathways mid-project to lower the trails by about a foot without dramatically slowing down the timeline of the project.

Of course, I am sure you have seen by now the great progress in the construction of the Santa Teresa Library. It is going to be beautiful and you should expect the grand opening late this year.

On another note, budget issues loom large as the economy continues to tank. Due to the recession, the city is getting less revenue from property and sales taxes than we even modestly predicted. Please join me and the Mayor's office on Saturday, May 9th from 10 am to Noon at the Edenvale Library if you would like to learn more about the city budget.

Thank you for reading and I'll see you on the 30th!

Ash Kalra - Councilmember, District Two

Letter from City Councilmember Pyle

Spring is upon us and that means one thing at City Hall—it is time to talk budget. Due to declining sales tax revenues, lower than anticipated property tax revenues and structural budget problems, San Jose must balance an estimated \$75 million dollar deficit this year alone. The City is streamlining operations to deliver services more efficiently but it will not be possible to close the budget gap without increasing revenue and decreasing costs.

I highly value your feedback and perspective during the course of the budget discussions and I would like to invite you to take my online budget survey found at:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=6fYCKnXgRXaofJF2JbrL_2fw_3d_3d.

Public opinion and policy analysis firm Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin and Associates (FMM&A) have developed this survey for the Mayor and Council to gather community feedback to inform the budget discussions.

In addition to providing this survey, I would like to invite you to attend the District 10 budget forum on April 28th at 8:00 pm in the VEP Community Room (475 Hyde Park Drive, just east of New Compton Drive). The VEP Community Association is generously hosting my budget forum this year. Representatives from the Mayor's Office and the City Manager's Office will present information regarding the budget process and proposed balancing strategies at the meeting.

All the best,
Nancy Pyle - Councilmember, District Ten

Curie Drive Clean Up

Curie Drive is looking good! It's hard to believe our project is already 5 years old. This year our seedlings were pruned, our granite cleaned up, weeds sprayed -- and now we need to get together to lay some new colorful bark. When we are done, the walls will be power washed and painted!

Date: May 23rd Time: 7:30am – 10:30am

Bring gloves, small claw gardening tools, shovels, large sweeper brooms clearly marked with your name. We also need two trucks with open beds. We will meet at Los Pinos/ Curie intersection. This is a great time to come out and meet your neighbors. Heck – bring a neighbor along! HS students can receive community service hours too! Contact Jacqueline Price at 408.226.8679 or Jacqueline_price@mindspring.com to let her know you'll be able to come. Water and snacks provided.

We'll have a BBQ too! Starting at 11:30 to thank our volunteers and to say "Hi!" to all of our neighbors. Stop on by and bring your appetites!

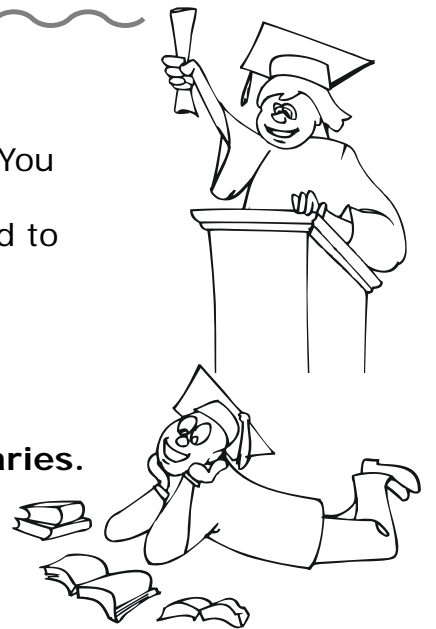


\$1000 Scholarship

Are you a graduating senior? Anxious to head off to College? You could probably use a few extra dollars to make it happen. The *Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association* is pleased to announce its first annual College Scholarship. Application information can be found at www.stfna.org.

Deadline is June 30, 2009.
Winner notified by August 15, 2009.
Open to all graduating seniors residing within our boundaries.

Thank you to our generous Donors!
Your kindness and generosity are very much appreciated.



Enclosed Event Facility Approved on top of Santa Teresa Hills *Initial plan called for a tent* *STFNA works to reduce impact on neighborhood*

On April 2nd, the Santa Clara County Planning Commission approved the proposed events facility at the Boulder Ridge Golf Course, which is located at the westerly end of the Santa Teresa Foothills. The STFNA Board of Directors supported this decision because, at the request of the Association and other groups in the Almaden Valley, the applicant undertook a major redesign of the project.

The original proposal was an events tent, which the Association opposed because of the noise impacts from amplified music on adjacent neighborhoods. The new design replaces the tent with an enclosed building with fixed/unopenable windows that will contain the noise.

This is a significant win-win wherein our concerns have been addressed and the needs of the applicant have also been met. Thank you for your letters to the County in support of the Association's position, which ultimately led to the new and improved design!