



Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association

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*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*

Neighborhood Meeting

Are you prepared for a Disaster?

Wednesday, November 15, 2017

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

Southside Community Center

5585 Cottle Road, San Jose 95123

General meeting agenda

In addition to having our featured speakers Joanne Bartholdy and David Hartwick from the City of San Jose Office of Emergency Management (OEM), we'll also provide an update on the proposed Santa Teresa Foothills hillside developments, and an update from both District 10 Councilmember Johnny Khamis and a representative for District 2 Councilmember Sergio Jimenez.

Feature presentation description

If recent events have taught us anything, it is the importance of being aware and being prepared in the face of an emergency and disaster. Our location has inherent risk for several kinds of disasters. Anderson Dam, 13 miles to the southeast of us, holds up to 29 billion gallons of water. If it were to break, it would have a devastating effect on our neighborhood. Fire is a threat due to the close proximity to the hills, and the threat of an Earthquake is ever present.

The Santa Teresa Foothill Neighborhood Association, is proud to have two distinguished guests, Joanne Bartholdy and David Hartwick representing the City of San Jose Office of Emergency Management (OEM) as our speakers. They will share information about how to be prepared, how the city/county will support our neighborhood, and how we can support the city/county.

Good News & Bad News Regarding Roads, Traffic, and Transportation

All of us are painfully aware of the daily issues associated with getting from Point A to Point B including traffic congestion, the poor condition of many streets, limited transit alternatives, and incomplete bike & pedestrian facilities. Decades of inadequate funding – coupled with the unprecedented growth of Silicon Valley – have combined to create the current problems.

The good news is that Santa Clara County voters have stepped up and approved measures to increase the local sales tax to pay for transportation improvements in 1976, 1984, 1996, 2000, 2008, and 2016. The taxes have helped fund many projects including the Route 85 freeway, BART to San Jose, light rail extensions, roadway repairs, highway and interchange upgrades, and additional bike and pedestrian facilities. Recently, in our area, we are seeing long overdue street maintenance with the resealing of Santa Teresa Boulevard, Blossom Avenue, Cottle Road, Curie Drive, and Colleen Drive. The resealing of Blossom Hill Road from Blossom Avenue to U.S. 101 will occur in 2018.

The bad news is that none of the sales tax monies being collected from the passage of Measure B in November 2016 can be utilized pending the outcome of a lawsuit filed by a resident of Saratoga. Although the lawsuit was dismissed by the court, the resident has filed an appeal and a decision is not expected for at least another year. In the meantime, the monies are being held in an escrow account. If the court validates Measure B, the funds over the 30-year life of the sales tax are planned to be spent as follows: \$1.5 billion for BART, \$1.2 billion for local streets, \$750 million for County Expressways,

\$750 million for freeway interchanges, \$700 million for Caltrain grade separations, \$500 million for transit upgrades, \$350 million for Route 85 corridor improvements, \$314 million for Caltrain improvements, and \$250 million for bike/pedestrian facilities.

Measure G Community Meeting on Tuesday, November 7, 2017

A community meeting, sponsored by Councilmember Johnny Khamis, will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the Almaden Community Center (6445 Camden Avenue San Jose, CA 95120) regarding what Measure G means to you. For the flier, see <http://tinyurl.com/y7zcyj3j>

Last November, San Jose voters approved Measure G, the Business Tax Modernization ballot measure. The deadline to comply with the new changes this measure brings is December 31, 2017. The Business Tax is what many business owners commonly refer to as their annual business “license” fee.

Two major changes are: (1) Businesses will pay an annual \$195 business tax instead of \$150. (2) For businesses with employees, the per-employee tax will increase. For example, businesses will pay \$25-\$55 per employee with a cap of no more than \$150,000 in total. The per-employee tax will now be indexed to the cost of living, with a maximum annual increase of 1.5 percent of the base rate per employee.

Cahalan Shopping Square Update

As we know, the majority of the Cahalan Square Shopping Center (located at the corner of Cahalan and Santa Teresa) was destroyed by a devastating, 4-alarm fire in June 2016. Although no lives were lost and no homes were damaged, 13 businesses suffered severe losses. Fire investigators determined the cause of the fire to be arson; therefore, it took awhile for the area to be cleared and thoroughly cleaned.

There are four property owners of the retail corner. One owns the parcel where the Calco gas station is located, another where the Wine Rack is located, and two others own the L shaped building that was affected by the fire.

One of those two owners has submitted plans to the City of San Jose Planning and Building Department to rebuild and update the look of his location at the shopping center. STFNA will keep you updated as we receive information regarding the rebuilding.

The San Jose Police Department (SJPD) has and continues to patrol the area paying special attention to the center to ensure that no illegal or undesirable activity takes place at this location. If you see anyone engaging in illegal activities, please call 9-1-1. If you see homeless encampments forming, please call the District 10 office at 408-535-4910, or report them directly to homelessconcerns@sanjoseca.gov.

Former Cahalan Square businesses that have relocated and are OPEN for business:

*Imelda’s Grooming 408-307-6535 1153 Redmond Avenue San Jose, CA 95120

*Sweet Retreat 408-832-7998 846 Blossom Hill Road San Jose, CA 95123

The STFNA board gratefully appreciates the use of Bistro Tupaz’s dining area to hold our monthly board meetings while enjoying delicious food.



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THANK YOU!