

SANTA TERESA FOOTHILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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WHO ARE WE?

And how can we improve our neighborhood?

The **Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association** was recently formed by a group of residents to address community issues in the south San Jose area generally bounded by Santa Teresa Boulevard on the north, Cottle Road on the east, Winfield Boulevard on the west, and the Santa Teresa Foothills on the south. **See the map on the last page.** Although we are willing to work on any issue which affects our neighborhoods, we have initially identified the following priorities:

Preservation of the Santa Teresa Foothills

Creation of a public trail along the Coyote-Alamitos Canal between Santa Teresa County Park and Lake Almaden Park

Public Education and Awareness

Safe Neighborhoods

Hillside Development Enforcement

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**SANTA TERESA FOOTHILLS
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
MEETING**

PLEASE JOIN US AT

OUR FIRST ASSOCIATION-WIDE
MEETING

WEDNESDAY - OCTOBER 25th

7:30 - 9:00 P.M.

SANTA TERESA HIGH SCHOOL

LEARN ABOUT YOUR NEW
ASSOCIATION!

LEARN ABOUT EFFORTS TO PRESERVE
THE FOOTHILLS!

LEARN ABOUT PLANS FOR A NEW TRAIL!

**COYOTE-
ALAMITOS
TRAIL**

...UPDATE

The Association is committed to working toward the creation of a public recreation trail along the Coyote-Alamitos Canal (see the related article on the Foothills on page 3). The trail would provide a connection between Santa Teresa County Park on the east and Lake Almaden Park/Los Alamitos Creek Trail on the west.

Achieving this goal will require cooperation between the City of San Jose, Santa Clara County, the Santa Clara Valley Water District, and private landowners. It will also require funding for planning and design, environmental studies, and - most importantly - construction of the trail itself.

Thank you, Charlotte and Byron!!

Thanks to the efforts of **San Jose Councilmember Charlotte Powers** and **State Senator Byron Sher**, the new state budget includes \$400,000 to the City of San Jose for the initial study and design of the trail. This represents a major jump-start for this project!

Future newsletters will keep residents informed of the status of this project, including dates for meetings and public hearings.

ASSOCIATION LEADERS

John Hesler	President
Don Wilde	Vice President
John Klimaszewski	Secretary
Lynne Paulson	Recording Secretary
Cheryl Ogan	Treasurer
Karen Bowne	Director
Gary Ogan	Director
Rick Crandall	Director
Forrest Williams	Director

E-Mail us at contact@santateresafoothills.org

LOGO CONTEST

The **Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association** needs a logo! We invite you to exercise your artistic skills in designing a logo for our Association which will be used in future newsletters, on our Web site, and on our letterhead. Please mail your design to us by November 30th. The winning design will be chosen by the Board of Directors. The winner will receive recognition in our next newsletter and will receive a \$50 gift certificate to the Outback Steakhouse!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The success of our Association will be determined, in large part, by those who are willing to volunteer. We need help with future newsletters, the design of our Web site, organizing neighborhood events, etc. If you would like to help, please e-mail us at volunteers@santa-teresafoothills.org or indicate your willingness to volunteer on the Membership Form on page 3.

Beyond the Myth...

SANTA TERESA FOOTHILLS - OPEN SPACE OR DEVELOPMENT?

The Santa Teresa Foothills form a scenic backdrop to South San Jose neighborhoods, extending from Santa Teresa County Park on the east to the vicinity of Almaden Lake Park on the west. The common perception that the Foothills are part of a public park or open space preserve is *not* true! With the exception of the County Park, most of the foothills are in private ownership, much of which is leased for cattle grazing.

Although many people walk, jog, and bike along the Coyote-Alamitos Trail, located along the base of the Foothills, few people realize that they are trespassing on private land! The fact that the Santa Clara Valley Water District has an easement to convey water in the canal does not mean that the canal is open to the public.

The Foothills are primarily in an unincorporated part of the County, a fact that has complicated issues. In recent years, residential development along and near the ridgetop has been approved by the County and further development is pending. In addition, the Boulder Ridge Golf Course is under construction at the west end of the Foothills.

The fact that the Foothills are located outside of San Jose's Urban Growth Boundary and the fact that much of the land is steep slopes does not preclude future development of the Foothills, as witnessed by the ongoing development.

The Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association is committed to preserving the Foothills as open space. We are working with the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority and others to achieve this goal. Your support is needed! We will keep you informed as to future meetings, public hearings, and governmental decisions on this issue.

SANTA TERESA FOOTHILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____ **Preferred Method of Correspondence:**
Address: _____
Phone: _____ **E-Mail (saves us money)**
E-Mail: _____ **U.S. Mail**

Enroll for one year @ \$10 per household Additional Donation \$ _____
Enclose check payable to: Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association
117 Bernal Road - #70-273, San Jose, CA 95119

I am interested in the following issues:

Foothills Open Space Preservation Coyote-Alamitos Trail
Public Education & Awareness Safe Neighborhoods
Newsletter Editing/Production/Distribution
Other _____

Volunteer For _____

We welcome your general comments and suggestions:

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