



Association Newsletter

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Coyote-Alamitos Trail Update

City Council Vote Unanimous

Last November, the San Jose Planning Commission and City Council voted unanimously to add the Coyote-Alamitos Trail to the City's General Plan. This action is the first in a series of many steps that are required before a trail is constructed. Future steps include feasibility, design, and environmental studies. As a part of these studies, the City will hold public meetings to gather input on issues pertaining to the trail. The trail would be constructed only if and when many issues and concerns are addressed. Funding for construction of the trail would also need to be secured.

Among the issues that will need to be studied and addressed before any decision to build a trail is made is that of the potential effect of the trail on the adjacent residences. Because the canal runs behind many homes and is also elevated above some of them, legitimate concerns regarding security and loss of privacy have been raised by a

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Open Space Update

The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority (OSA) has included the Santa Teresa Ridge as one of its study areas for possible open space acquisition. In its latest annual report, the OSA notes this area's scenic importance and its value as habitat for a great variety of animals. The Association is continuing to work with OSA staff and OSA Board Members to ensure that the Santa Teresa Ridge remains a priority for open space preservation. ❖



Checkerspot Butterfly Protected in the Foothills

On April 30, 2001, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS) published its final rule designating much of the Santa Teresa Hills as critical habitat for the threatened Bay Checkerspot Butterfly. The total amount of critical habitat for this species is limited to 23,903 acres in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. Under the federal Endangered Species Act, critical habitat is defined as that which is essential for the conservation of a threatened or endangered species. Development on such lands typically cannot proceed without a permit from the FWS. ❖

number of homeowners. Council member Forrest Williams and several board members of the Association have already met with some of these homeowners to study ways – including alternative alignments for a trail - to address these concerns. The Association is committed to working with the City and all parties on these important issues.

On June 25th, the California Coastal Conservancy voted to give the City a \$400,000 grant for study and design of the trail. As noted above, when the City begins these studies, community input will be an integral part of the process. If you are a member of the Association and have provided us with your e-mail address, we will let you know of all public meetings regarding the trail when the City schedules such meetings. ❖

Association adopts Foothill and Century Oaks Parks

The Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association has adopted Century Oaks Park and Foothill Park through the City's Adopt-a-Park program. The purpose of this program is to help create and preserve clean and safe parks for everyone. Adopting a park is a great way to show community spirit. It makes our neighborhood a cleaner and more beautiful place to live.

Periodic events will be sponsored by the Association in order to make special improvements or cleanups to these parks. In addition, Association members can participate by periodic volunteering to care for the parks by picking up litter, removing graffiti, sweeping pathways, raking leaves, pulling weeds, etc. In order to participate in this program and in order for the Association to receive credit for this sponsorship, please sign up with the appropriate forms in this newsletter. You may also sign up at the first Association-sponsored event on Oct. 6. All volunteers who participate in this program are eligible for annual prizes provided by the City.

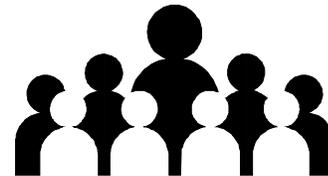
Volunteers must report their hours to the Association coordinator, Lynne Paulson so that

they can be reported to the program office. Volunteers must read, understand and abide by the Safety Guidelines as well as Park Rules and ordinances.

If you have suggestions on improving these parks or on this program, please e-mail Lynne Paulson at indiajane@aol.com or write to her c/o our Association. ❖

Richard Pascua - Logo Contest Winner

In our last issue, we invited people to submit their ideas for a logo for the Association's website, letterhead, and newsletters. After reviewing the many excellent submittals, the Board of Directors chose the design submitted by Richard Pascua. Richard received a check for \$50. Thank you to all those who took the time to submit their ideas! ❖



Your 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

Reminder – Mail in Your Open Space Ballots!

The Santa Clara County Open Space Authority is requesting additional support in the amount of \$20/residence/year for preserving open space. Portions of the Santa Teresa Hills are included for possible acquisition (see page 1).

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@santateresafoothills.org or indicate your willingness to volunteer on the Membership Form on page 4. ❖

Board of Directors Meetings

Over the past year, Board of Directors meetings have been held on an irregular basis. In an effort to improve communication and to better address ongoing community concerns, future Board meetings will be scheduled on a regular basis. Board meeting agendas and minutes will be posted on the Association's website, as will all meeting times and locations. ❖

Next Association Meeting

When: Wednesday, November 14th at 7:00PM

Where: Santa Teresa High School (auditorium)

Agenda to be posted on the Association's website. ❖



Oct. 6th – Park Improvement & Clean-up Day



Where: Century-Oaks Park,
Corner of Snell & Colleen

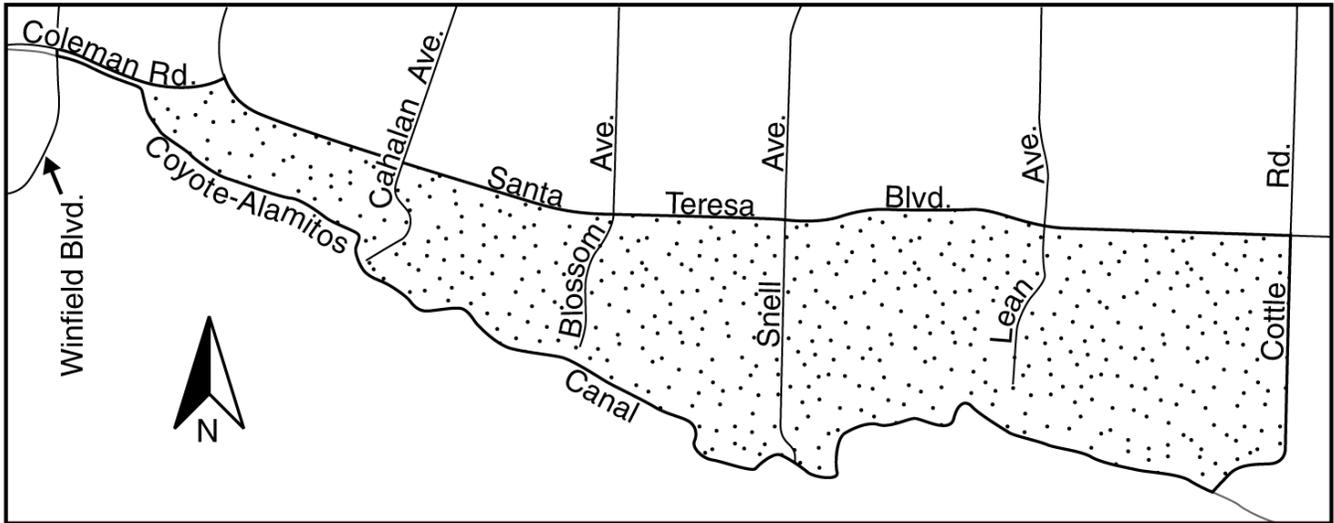
When: Saturday, September 22nd,
9 A.M. to Noon

What: Park cleanup, installation of concrete pad for bench,
planting of trees and installation of irrigation.



All community members are welcome and are encouraged to attend. Please bring work gloves along with shovels and rakes if you have them. We will provide bottled water and snacks.

Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association Area Map



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:

