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What can the Coyote-Alamitos Trail do for our community?



- Enhance our community by providing a safe, attractive, and aesthetically-pleasing trail that connects to Santa Teresa Park, Lake Almaden Park, the Coyote Creek Trail, and the Los Alamitos Creek Trail
- Consistent with the effect of constructing trails nationwide, reduce existing illegal activities (e.g., drinking, partying, discharging of firearms, vandalism, arson, etc.) in the foothills by increasing human presence, including ranger patrols

Your community needs your support on April 23rd. A community meeting is scheduled to discuss a potential new trail in the Santa Teresa Foothills. **The trail will not be constructed without community support!** See inside for more information.

City Schedules Meeting on Coyote-Alamitos Trail

Support for Trail needed on April 23rd

The City of San Jose has scheduled a community meeting for Wednesday, April 23rd, to present the preliminary findings of a feasibility study for a potential new trail in the Santa Teresa Foothills. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM at Sakamoto Elementary School, 6280 Shadelands Drive, San Jose. The trail would connect the Coyote Creek Trail to the Los Alamitos Creek Trail and would *generally* follow the existing Coyote-Alamitos Canal or alternative parallel alignments.

The Association has been very supportive of this trail, with the understanding that the concerns of adjacent residents regarding issues such as privacy must be addressed.

In addition to presenting the preliminary findings of the study, the City is interested in determining whether or not there is support in the community for this trail. The City has indicated that the trail will not be constructed without community support.

Please make an effort to attend the April 23rd meeting to learn about the trail and to voice your support. If you cannot attend, please send your comments to City Council members Forrest Williams (forrest.williams@ci.sj.ca.us) and Pat Dando (pat.dando@ci.sj.ca.us).

For details about the proposed trail, as well as answers to frequently asked questions, please visit the Association's website (www.santateresafoothills.org).

For more about the Coyote-Alamitos trail visit www.santateresafoothills.org

NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY

Coyote-Alamitos Canal

This canal, which is 10.7 miles in length, was constructed by the Santa Clara Valley Water District in 1955. Its purpose was to transport water from Anderson Reservoir (via Coyote Creek) to the west side of the valley (near the confluence of Guadalupe and Alamitos Creeks) where it could be used to recharge groundwater aquifers. In August 1976, the canal ceased to be used for this purpose. Today the canal functions to convey stormwater runoff from the hillsides to the creeks on the valley floor.

Snell Avenue

Snell Avenue was named after Thomas E. Snell who was born in Essex County Massachusetts on October 25, 1830. In 1854, Snell moved to San Jose where he embarked into the butcher trade. He purchased 800 acres of land in south San Jose, 300 of which were cultivated and 500 of which were used as pasture. Snell owned 400 head of cattle and became Santa Clara County's largest producer of butter. He and his wife Catherine raised seven children. Snell Avenue leads to what was once Thomas Snell's ranch at the bottom of the Santa Teresa Foothills.

Volunteers Needed to Help with Adopted Parks

Community members are needed to help with 2 neighborhood parks that Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association has adopted through the City's Adopt-a-Park program: Century Oaks Park and Foothill Park. The purpose of this program is to protect and enhance San Jose's neighborhood parks and open spaces. We have organized several events to help with park cleanup and planting.



Next Cleanup Event:
 Sunday April 27, 9 -11 AM
 Century Oaks Park
 Corner of Snell and Colleen.

Water and juice will be provided. Help is needed with picking up litter, sweeping, weeding and checking sprinklers. Bring your own gloves, garden tools. Trash bags will be provided.

Check our website for additional cleanup events to be held in May and June.

You can also help on your own schedule by signing up as an Adopt-a-Park volunteer. Help care for and monitor the parks. Contact STFNA coordinator for this activity, Lynne Paulson, c/o the Association: email contact@santateresafoothills.org.

Pyzak Property Purchased

Through the efforts of San Jose Council member Forrest Williams, County Supervisor Don Gage, and the Friends of Santa Teresa Park, the historic Pyzak Property was recently purchased and is now County parks property. The historic property is located on the corner of Curie Drive and San Ignacio Avenue, across from Bernal Intermediate School.

Firefighters Thank-You!

To show our appreciation to our local firefighters, the Association presented the crew of Fire Station 12 with treats made by neighborhood families and a large banner that read "Merry Christmas to our Heroes". The banner was displayed in the firehouse throughout the holiday season. Thank you to Association member Cheryl Ogan for coming up with this idea and for coordinating the effort to make it a reality!

Traffic Calming

Does your residential street have a problem related to speeding and/or too much traffic? If so, the City of San Jose has a new program specifically designed to address such problems. Known as "Traffic Calming", the program works with neighborhoods to find specific solutions tailored to individual areas. For more information, call 277-4304 or go to www.ci.san-jose.ca.us/dot/traffic_calming.htm.

Proposed Parcel Subdivision in Foothills

In an effort to preserve the aesthetic and open space qualities of the Santa Teresa Foothills, the Association is committed to monitoring any proposed development. There is currently a proposal to subdivide a 146-acre parcel located above Snell Avenue into two parcels. The Association has not yet taken any position on this proposal because it believes that the County has not provided adequate information about what this proposal will entail in terms of future development. More information, including a copy of the Board of Directors letter to the County, can be found on the Association's website (www.santateresafoothills.org).

CALENDAR

<p>Wednesday, April 23rd City of San Jose community meeting to present preliminary findings of a feasibility study for a potential new trail in the Santa Teresa Foothills. 7:00 PM Sakamoto Elementary School 6280 Shadelands Drive</p>	<p>Thursday, April 24th Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 PM Southside Community Center</p> <p>Sunday, April 27th Park Cleanup 9 -11 AM Century Oaks Park Corner of Snell and Colleen.</p>
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Board of Directors Meetings

Board of Directors meetings are now held on the last Thursday of each month at the Southside Community Center beginning at 7:00 PM. Check the association website for any changes to the schedule (www.santateresafoothills.org).

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*We now have over 190 families who have signed up as members of our association.
 Thanks for joining!*

The primary areas of interest for the members continue to be the trails, preservation of the foothills, and safe neighborhoods. We are currently in the third year of our existence, and the funds needed to keep our web page up and publish ongoing newsletters are low. We are requesting that all members who haven't paid their third years dues please send in \$10 per year per family so we can continue our efforts.

**Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association
 Membership Application**

Enroll for one year @ \$10 per household Additional Donation \$ _____

Name: _____
 Date: _____
 Email: _____
 Address: _____
 City / Zip code: _____
 Phone: _____

Please tell us which issues interest you the most:

- Foothills Open Space Preservation
- Coyote Alamos Trail
- Public Education and Awareness
- Safe Neighborhoods

Other: _____

Preferred method of correspondence:

- Email (saves us money)
- U.S. Mail
- I am a new member
- I am renewing an existing membership

**Mail form and enclose check payable to:
 Santa Teresa Foothills
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 117 Bernal Road - #70-273
 San Jose, CA 95119**

**Or you can register and pay online:
 Go to <http://www.santateresafoothills.org>
 Click on "Join Association" link
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 Send in your payment or pay by credit card via PayPal**

