



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 Monday, May 7th



WHERE:

**Sakamoto Elementary School
(corner of Shadelands & Colleen)**

WHEN:

**Monday, May 7th, 2007
7:00 to 9:00pm**

Come on out and learn a little bit about what is going on in the neighborhood. It is a great opportunity to find out what is happening in the neighborhood and meet some of your neighbors. We also have a couple of very interesting topics we'll be covering:

First, Shake, Rattle & Roll - County Geologist Jim Baker will speak about the Geology of the Santa Teresa area. This is a great opportunity Find out what the quake maps of the area mean. Jim has Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Geology from Stanford University, and has been working in the field of geology for 30 years.

Secondly, it is AWARDS NIGHT for the first annual Beautify Everything in Santa Teresa (BEST) Contest! Sponsored by the neighborhood association and many local vendors, the mission of BEST is to acknowledge those neighbors who have gone the extra mile in beautifying our neighborhood with the hopes of inspiring others to do the same.

Nominations have been received for the following categories by members of the association and neighbors in the surrounding area.

- BEST House (as viewed from the street)
- BEST Remodel (as viewed from the street)
- Best use of Native Plants

All the homes that have been nominated will be judged by a group of volunteers on or around Saturday, April 28th. Seven (7) winners will be announced at the meeting.

Feature Presentation:

SHAKE, RATTLE & ROLL
**Learn about quake maps and
Santa Teresa geology**

Introducing:

**First Annual
AWARDS NIGHT**
**Beautify Everything in
Santa Teresa B.E.S.T. Contest!**



In Addition:

Miracle Mountain Update
Coyote Valley Environmental Impact
Santa Teresa Fire Victims:
How you can help



B.E.S.T. Sponsors:

We're excited to have the support of the sponsors shown below. They have contributed some great prizes in the form of cash and gift certificates.

- Orchard Supply Hardware
- Summer Winds Nursery
- Almaden Nursery
- The Journey Church
- Angie Cocke, Realtor
- Ney Montenegro, Realtor and Loan Consultant
- Tim Ryan, Realtor
- My Pool n' Spa
- Visionary Signs

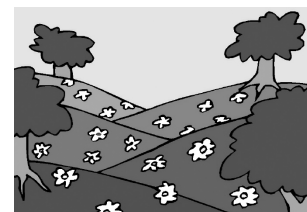
News from the Association

Miracle Mountain Drive Rezoning Approved with STFNA Support

In March, the City Council unanimously approved the rezoning of an 8-acre site at the end of Miracle Mountain Drive to allow the construction of one large single-family home.

While ideally it would have been great if the site could have remained undeveloped, the STFNA Board of Directors voted to support the project because, at our request, the property owner

- 1) Moved the house site to the bottom of the hillside,
- 2) Granted a conservation easement over most of the site,
- 3) Granted a public trail easement at the top of the site, and
- 4) Agreed to work with us to try to facilitate the sale of an adjacent 27-acre site to the Open Space Authority.



We appreciate the willingness of the applicant, the SanFilippo Estate, and the applicant's representative, Jerry Strangis, to work with us to modify the project in response to our concerns. Thanks also to STFNA Boardmembers/City Council members Nancy Pyle and Forrest Williams for their support.

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.
 117 Bernal Road - #70-273
 San Jose, CA 95119



Register and pay online
www.STFNA.org
 or email
contact@stfna.org



Please accept my contribution of: \$20 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$_____ Other

Tell us which issues interest you the most:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Foothills Open Space Preservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote Alamitos Trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Education and Awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe Neighborhoods |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neighborhood Beautification | Other: _____ |

THANK YOU!

More News

Fire Leaves Santa Teresa Neighbors in Need

On February 7th, many of our neighbors suffered through the loss of their home and property due to an accidental fire that caused the largest residential fire San Jose had seen in years.

Due to limitations on funds the victims can receive from the City and from social service agencies, many of the urgent needs of the families have gone unmet.

On May 5th from 1 to 4 p.m., there will be a Cinco de Mayo fund-raising party for the benefit of the Santa Teresa Fire Victims' Fund held at St. Julie's Church!! (Church located at 366 St. Julie Drive, San Jose 95119 next to the end of Curie). There will be food, drinks and entertainment!

Contributions will be accepted at the fund-raiser or feel free to send or drop off contributions at the Bank of the West, ATTN: Santa Teresa Fire Victims' Fund, 6213 Santa Teresa Blvd., San Jose CA 95119.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Coordinator Ash Kalra at (408)888-7526 or via e-mail at STFireVictimsFund@gmail.com

Hope to see you at the Fiesta!!

Thank you!

We appreciate help putting together this newsletter...

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Neighbors who volunteered to distribute door-to-door

E-waste Event a Success!

Thanks to the efforts of our neighbors, Santa Teresa High School and Journey Church, the board is pleased to announce that our November 4th, 2006 e-waste event made \$2200.00!

410 cars came through that day - collecting 18,000lbs of e-waste.

The head of the marketing department for ASL was amazed at the success and indicated that an average day consists of about 160 cars, so as a neighborhood we are better than average.

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED!

The board has unanimously voted to pass on a donation to the High School for their help in the amount of 20% of the proceeds.

We hope to do it again next year so hold on to those items!

Coyote Valley Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Available for Review & Comment

The City has released the Draft EIR for the Coyote Valley Specific Plan project that would include 50,000 jobs and 26,400 homes.

The EIR describes the impacts of this project.

The City is soliciting comments and questions on the adequacy of the Draft EIR until June 29th.

The Draft EIR is available at local libraries and online at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/planning/eir/eir.asp>



2007-08 Budget

On February 20th the City Council, Council Appointees, and Senior Management staff participated in an all day retreat to develop and discuss the City's three-year goals:

- Maintain our status as the safest big city in America.
- Eliminate the structural budget deficit.
- Reduce deferred maintenance and the infrastructure backlog and develop a strategy to improve the infrastructure.
- Increase economic vitality.
- Provide full funding for parks, pools, community centers and libraries, including maintenance operation and development.

On March 9th the Mayor released his Draft Budget Message for City Council approval. The purpose of the budget message is to provide guidance to the City Manager while he prepares the Draft Budget in May. I am happy to say that Mayor Reed included a number of proposals I have been pushing including an improved retail strategy and streamlining the permitting process. The budget message also included:

- Investing in energy efficiency
- Park maintenance improvements
- Additional police officers
- Solar Power opportunities
- Additional Code Enforcement
- New funding for emergency preparedness
- Master plan for street improvements

On May 1st, the City Manager will release his Draft Proposed Budget based on these recommendations. To ensure that District 10 residents have a chance to weigh-in I will be hosting the 2nd Annual District 10 Budget/Neighborhood Forum on Saturday May 5th from 10 am to noon at the Almaden Winery Community Center (5730 Chamberlin Dr.). Deputy City Manager, Mark Linder will present the City Manager's proposal.

After the presentation, Strong Neighborhoods Manager Laura Lam and my Chief of Staff, Leland Wilcox, will lead a discussion and priority setting session with District 10 residents. Please visit the District 10 website for more information on this upcoming event and much more (<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district10>).

Councilmember Nancy Pyle's
Second Annual
Budget & Neighborhood Forum

Saturday, May 5th at 10:00 a.m.

The Almaden Winery Community Center
 5730 Chamberlin Dr.

For more information or directions, please call the District 10 office at (408) 535-4910