



# 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

Tuesday, May 27th (day after Memorial Day)

WHERE:

**Southside Community Center  
5585 Cottle Road, San Jose  
(corner of Cottle & Poughkeepsie)**

WHEN:

**Tuesday, May 27th, 2008  
7 - 8:30pm**

**What's happening in the neighborhood?**

**Learn about Police Activity in the area**

**Meet the Candidates for City Council**

**Interested?...  
Come to the Neighborhood Meeting!**



The meeting will provide a great opportunity to meet & talk to others in the neighborhood. In addition, we'll have the following guests:

- Representatives from the local police will be on hand to talk about police activity in the area, what is being done about crime, and answer any police/crime related questions.
- City Council Members Nancy Pyle and Forrest Williams will be on hand to answer questions about what the city government agencies are doing for the neighborhood.
- Candidates for the city council seats representing our area are invited to introduce themselves (election day is June 3rd!).

Also, we'll provide an update on Preserving the foothills - the exciting action being taken by the Open Space Authority, discuss BEST Showcase and the scholarship fund that is being created.

It's a great opportunity to get out and meet the neighbors and get answers to all your neighborhood questions!

### Neighborhood News

#### CURIE DRIVE TREES IN NEED OF A LITTLE TLC!

This year we will not be holding a massive clean up day! We've been fortunate enough to have the city come out and pull weeds - spray for future ones. That said, we do need a little help on rebuilding the bowls of the trees themselves as the city continues to water once a week (Fridays). That means that the best time to do the bowls is Sunday through Thursday.

We're looking for individuals to go out on their own schedule to devote an hour or two and helping take care of this.

Help is also needed to reposition some of the arms on the stakes further up the trunks of the trees and replace one of them. This would probably take 1-2 hours.

If you can help - please contact Jacqueline Price at 408-226-8679 or [Jacqueline\\_price@mindspring.com](mailto:Jacqueline_price@mindspring.com)

We'd like to get this done ASAP - thanks everyone for your generosity

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AUGUST 23 FAMILY EVENT

STFNA will be participating in the Family Fandango provided by the Santa Clara County Parks Department on Saturday August 23 at Santa Teresa County Park's Historic Bernal Ranch.

Celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of three periods of local history including the Muwekma Ohlone Tribe who originally settled in this area over 10,000 years ago, early Spanish speaking colonists of 200 years ago and English-speaking ranch families who arrived more recently. Enjoy family fun and activities. The event will be held at the ranch located at 372 Manila Drive, San Jose from 5pm to 8pm. More information will be provided on the STFNA website and through e-mails - so sign up for the e-mail list!

#### OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY TAKES STEP TOWARD OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION IN SANTA TERESA FOOTHILLS

Good News! After years of lobbying by the Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association, the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara County Open Space Authority recently voted to authorize their staff to begin negotiations with the owner of the Sanchez property for possible purchase.

Purchase of this property, which is located at the western end of the foothills near Miracle Mountain Drive, would be significant in terms of the long-term goal of preserving the natural landscape. It would be the first parcel acquired by the Open Space Authority in the Santa Teresa area, which would hopefully lead to additional purchases as other properties become available.

In addition, the staff of the Open Space Authority is undertaking a comprehensive review of the Santa Teresa Foothills to identify those areas where the threat of future development is highest.



# 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 - #70-245  
 San Jose, CA 95119



Register and pay online  
[www.STFNA.org](http://www.STFNA.org)  
 or email  
[contact@stfna.org](mailto: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...

### BEAUTIFY EVERYTHING IN SANTA TERESA SHOWCASE:

Save Sat. June 21 from noon to 4PM for Music, fun and other possible ideas. A number of homes in our neighborhood will "Showcase" various aspects of their homes or talents. Some will have live music. All have interesting things too see. All are welcome to visit these homes that day. Tickets will be sold for the event to raise money for a new scholarship that will be offered to students in the neighborhood.

Maps and tickets will be sold during the event at Snell Ave and Colleen Drive. More details will be available on the website in the coming weeks, but MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Volunteers are needed for that day:

- (1) Ticket sales the day of the event
- (2) Schedule "ambassadors" (people who check tickets at houses)
- (3) Help with advertising.

#### SPONSORS INCLUDE:

- Angie Cocke (Realtor)
- Tim Ryan (Realtor)
- Ney Montengro (Realtor)
- My Pool and Spa
- Visionary Signs and Graphics
- Almaden Nursery
- Dave Castillo-Farmers Insurance.

All proceeds will go to local college bound High School Seniors.



We could also use more Showcasers. Showcase anything that you think people would want to see such as backyards, front decks, kitchens, special hobbies, music, or anything else that our neighbors might find interesting.

Donations to the scholarship are also welcome!

For more information, to volunteer, or request to showcase contact:

**Dave Smith**

Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association Board Member

**408-226-1238**

**daves@stfna.org**

### CAUCUS FOR NEIGHBORHOODS COMMISSIONERS

The San Jose City Council approved creation of a two year Neighborhoods Commission pilot in Fall 2007. Since that time, work has been in process to prepare for Commissioner selection. Each City Council district will be able to recommend 3 commissioners and 2 alternates. The recommendations will be submitted to the City Council.

An ad-hoc committee has been assisting with the process for formation of the commission. District 2 resident Lynne Paulson and District 10 resident Art Boudreault have been participating along with leaders from other neighborhoods.

The new Neighborhoods Commission will advocate for all San Jose neighborhoods. The mission of this organization will be to integrate the voice of neighborhoods into the City of San Jose's decision-making processes. The City will look at this body as a resource when reviewing matters with an impact on neighborhoods, and the Neighborhoods Commission will be consulted on matters of significant community interest that may come before the Council.

Neighborhood Groups that have registered with the Neighborhood Development Center will select proposed commissioners in a caucus to be held for each District. For each District caucus each neighborhood group will send one representative to vote on the commissioners. The public is invited to attend. The caucus schedule includes:

**District 2:** Monday June 2, 6-9pm, Southside Community Center, Rms 8 & 9, 5585 Cottle Road.

**District 10:** Sunday June 8, 10am-1pm  
 Vineland Library Community Room

For further information, contact Lynne Paulson at email address: [lpaulson@stfna.org](mailto:lpaulson@stfna.org)

#### Thank you!

We appreciate help putting together this newsletter...

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