



# 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

### Wednesday, October 29th

**WHERE:**

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

**WHEN:**

**Wednesday, Oct 29th, 2008  
7 - 8:30pm**

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

- The Police Commander for our area, Vaughen Edwards, has been invited to talk about police activity in the area 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.
- The candidates for the city council, school board, and Open Space Authority representing our area are invited to introduce themselves.

In addition, we'll provide an update on Preserving the foothills, the event tent being considered for the top of the foothills, and updates on 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!



#### **Meet the Candidates**

**Learn about Police Activity  
in the area**

**An Update from your City  
Council Member**

**...and the Latest on a  
Proposed Event Tent at the  
Top of the Hill**

### Neighborhood News

#### **PROPOSED EVENTS TENT AT TOP OF HILL COULD IMPACT NEIGHBORHOOD**

The Boulder Ridge Golf Course, located at the top of the Santa Teresa Foothills (above Foothill blvd), has requested permission from the county to build an 'Events Tent' on the property for hosting outdoor events. Since this is very close to our neighborhood, the noise and activity from the proposed tent would have a direct impact on us! STFNA and other neighborhood groups have worked together and offered to meet with the owner of the golf course for the purpose of coming up with a "win-win" solution (e.g., building an indoor facility that would address all of our concerns about the noise from amplified music).

Many from the neighborhood turned out for the County Planning Commission meeting on September 4th to voice concern over the tent. As a result, the Commissioners voted to defer further consideration until their November meeting. In addition, the County is considering our request for a full environmental impact report (EIR), which would delay things further.

Come to the neighborhood meeting October 29th to learn more about this issue! In the meantime, please know that all of your letters, e-mail, etc. have already made a huge difference.



#### **SANTA TERESA PARK HISTORIC SITE**

The county is in the process of developing a plan for an historic site within the Santa Teresa Park near the corner of San Ignacio Ave and Curie.

The STFNA board is working hard to be sure this area not only represents the history of the area, but also provides better access to the park from the neighborhood.

We hope to provide an update on developments at the neighborhood meeting October 29th.



# 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.  
 PO BOX 53432  
 San Jose, CA 95153

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



Please accept my voluntary 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...

### ELECTION FORUMS

On Tuesday, October 28th, there will be a debate of the measures on the November ballot. An election forum jointly sponsored by Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association, Almaden Valley Community Association, and VEP Community Association will be held Tuesday, October 28th at 7:30pm at Gunderson High School Theater (622 Gaunderbert Lane, San Jose). There are strict rules that will be enforced to be sure the forum will be done by a little after 9pm. The measures to be debated include:



- Measure B: 1/8-cent sales tax limited to thirty years for BART,
- Measure C: Endorse transit services as described in the draft Valley Transportation Plan 2035; and Measure D: Replace citizen vote on comprehensive transit program with VTA Committee review every 6 years
- Measure J: Reduction by 10% and Replacement of 9-1-1 System Access Fee; and Measure K: 10% Rate Reduction and Update of Telecommunications Users Tax
- Proposition 11: Redistricting. Constitutional Amendment and Statute

For more details, visit [www.stfna.org](http://www.stfna.org)

### BEST SHOWCASE – A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD OPEN HOUSE

*A message from Dave Smith*

On June 21st, the neighborhood sponsored a 'Beautify Everything in Santa Teresa (BEST) Showcase', where people opened their homes to show off their talents, passions, and landscaping. Thanks to the many people who helped make this a successful day! We raised several thousand dollars for our scholarship(s).

In addition to the Sponsors listed here, many graciously open their properties and helped with other projects. I hesitate to list people because I invariably forget someone, but I must mention our Showcasers Mark and Jordania Harwood (who also are donating \$1,000.00).

The following people Showcased special places, Bob Shoemaker (Hawaiian ponds), Judge Family (hillside views and roses), Harwood Family (pool, waterfalls, Koi ponds), Pat Smith (Waterfalls, rosebushes), Larry Benson (succulents, hillside), David and Linda Castillo (music and hillside), Manuel and Patty Robles (pool, professional landscaper), Dr. Singh (hillside and contributor), Robert Gutierrez and the band Strong Coffee and Gary Sutton of Circle of Neighbors College Planning.

In addition, Lorna Maynard, Mike Bosworth, Jacqueline Price, Phyllis Chai, and John Hesler worked the booth. Lynne Paulson took photos which will be available at the general meeting. I apologize to all I forgot.

We are now forming the committee to determine standards, qualifications and award the scholarships. If you would like to be on this committee let me know. Looks like now more than ever college bound students need our help.

For more information, or to volunteer to be on the standards committee, contact Dave Smith at 408-226-1238, or email [daves@stfna.org](mailto:daves@stfna.org).



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