



Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life in the Burbank Area

Telephone Excise Tax Refund

The telephone tax refund is a one-time payment available on your 2006 federal income tax return, designed to refund previously collected federal excise taxes on long-distance or bundled service. It is available to anyone who paid such taxes on landline, wireless, or Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service.

The IRS will refund the taxes paid on long-distance or bundled service billed to taxpayers (individuals, business or non-profit groups) for the period after Feb. 28, 2003, and before Aug. 1, 2006. Taxpayers should request this refund when they file their 2006 tax returns.

Two refund options are available – Actual Amount Paid or a Standard Amount.

Individual taxpayers only can take a standard amount from \$30 to \$60 based on the number of exemptions they are eligible to claim on their 2006 tax return. Businesses and non-profits must calculate their deductions, they do not qualify for the Standard option.

For those who can claim:

One exemption, the standard refund amount is \$30;

Two exemptions, the standard refund amount is \$40;

Three exemptions, the standard refund amount is \$50;

Four exemptions or more, the standard refund amount is \$60.

The instructions to the 2006 1040 tax forms provide more information on how to determine the correct number of exemptions

Individuals who decide not to use the Standard Amount must calculate their refund based on the actual amount paid. To choose this option you must complete a Form 8913 and attach it to your tax return. You do not need phone bills for all 41 months, but you do need a sufficient number to justify your refund calculation.

For more information visit the [IRS Website \(www.irs.gov\)](http://www.irs.gov) or call 1-800-829-1040 or contact a tax consultant.

Dial 211 – Referral Helpline Service Started February 9th

Santa Clara County's new referral service can help you find agencies that provide food, shelter, counseling, drug treatment, day care, senior programs & many other services. The service is available 24/7 in English and Spanish, with other languages available through interpreters.

February Gardening Tips

Plant a Vivacious Garden for Birds and Butterflies and Dazzle Your Yard!

Create a garden of excellence with color and love while providing a full service spa for wildlife!

Hummingbirds will regularly visit blossoms of any color that they learn contain sufficient nectar.

Plants such as: Bottlebrush, Astroemeria hybrids, Kangaroo Paw, Nicotiana, Penstemons, Honeysuckle, and Salvia will provide plenty of nectar & color!

Plant a Butterfly Garden

in a sunny location (5-6 hours each day), away from windy conditions. It is also a good idea to place a few flat stones in your sunny location so the butterflies can warm up.



Plants include: Butterfly Bush, Butterfly Weed, Lantana, Pincushion flower, and Verbena.

Beautify your home and neighborhood with flowers and life!



The BCA Has New Board Officers!

The BCA is pleased to announce:

Chairperson: Phil Lang (District 1 Representative)

Vice Chairperson: Vacant

Treasurer: Ky Le (District 2 Representative)

Secretary: Marisol Verdugo (District 4 Representative)

Member at Large: Vacant

District 5 Representative: Vacant

If you would like to become a Board member or are interested in learning more about the BCA, please contact us directly at: 408.236.3769

A Note From Ken Yeager

I am honored to be representing Santa Clara County on the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). While regional transportation has always been a policy focus of mine, I have been particularly concerned about the traffic congestion issues in our backyard. A top priority of mine has remained the I-880/280 Interchange and easing the traffic backlog that frequently occurs as one approaches from almost any direction.

That's why I was pleased to be able to include a recommendation for \$50 million to help address significant congestion at the I-880-280 Interchange at my first MTC meeting. At a special commission meeting in Oakland this past Wednesday, MTC adopted a Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) Program of Projects. This list identified \$2 billion worth of projects key to improving traffic mobility in the Bay Area. The list that we approved was submitted to the California Transportation Commission on January 16 and will be considered for funding through Proposition 1B, which was approved by voters in November.

Supporting congestion relief, the package of investments forwarded by MTC strongly emphasizes connectivity and safety. The I-880/280 Interchange is important in this framework for reducing traffic congestion and improving operational safety. The weaving interactions between off-ramps, lane drops, and the freeway interchange are confusing and often dangerous. Keeping both I-880 and I-280 clear of traffic backups allows traffic moving independently on both freeways to operate smoothly and efficiently.

This is a unique opportunity for the governments around the Bay Area to work together to address some of the lingering problems in our aging infrastructure. I look forward to being a strong advocate on MTC and, as always, welcome your input.

Grapefruit Juice and Medications

Do you like to enjoy a glass of grapefruit juice and also take prescription medications? If so, be sure to check with your doctor or pharmacist to see if the effectiveness or potency of your medication is effected by grapefruit. Certain medications, such as Procardia and Lipitor (just to name two) may be boosted by the enzymes in grapefruit. For more information, visit <http://www.health.harvard.edu/fhq/updates/update0206d.shtml>

Upcoming Meeting/Events

FEBRUARY

08 – Weed & Seed Mtg.

13 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.

13 – LBS School Board

15 – Burbank Sanitary Board

19 – **BCA MEETING**

22 – Burbank/NAC

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Time to Check Your Credit?

Thought about your credit report lately? No, well you are not alone. Most people don't think about their credit report until they need it when applying for a loan, purchasing a home, or trying for additional credit. Each year you are entitled to a copy of your credit report – FREE. Visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228.

Be sure to check your report, and credit score (usually a \$6 charge) once a year. Check to make sure all your personal information is correct. Also review each open account carefully to make sure they are yours and the information is current.

RESERVE YOUR SPACE NOW FOR THE JAMBOREE

Have a craft, talent, or items of interest to sell? Reserve your space now for the Jamboree. Event Mgrs are actively looking for participants. Space is limited, and booths are \$50 each. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to: info@sancarlosstreet.com

The BCA Sadly Announces the Resignation of Chantale Hansen – Vice Chairperson

After serving on the BCA Board for the last two years, we are sorry to see our Vice Chairperson, Chantale Hansen, step down. Chantale will continue as a member of the BCA and will see through some of the projects that she has been working on such as the tree planting for the Community.

The BCA would like to extend our gratitude to Chantale for her dedication and support as our former Secretary, Communications Manager, Newsletter Manager and Vice Chair. You have helped to keep our community informed!

If you are interested in joining the BCA Board, we have several spots open. The time commitment is a minimum of three hours per month for meetings, however, if you would like to extend your community outreach, there is room for more!

Newsletter Manager Position is Vacant – Can You Help?

Effective March 1, the position for the BCA newsletter is vacant and we need someone or a couple of people who can help put our monthly newsletter together. If you have experience with MS Word and can help format articles that would be a huge help!

If you like to write, have that creative spirit and want to support your community, please contact the BCA. We would love to use your creative talents to provide the monthly news to our Community.

The time commitment can be a couple of hours per month. We have a list of people that we contact for content each month and many of our articles come from leveraging existing content that is available on local government web sites.

Please contact the BCA as soon as possible so we can keep the news coming your way!

Tree Planting Delayed

For those of you who have signed up for free trees through the Our City Forest Grant program, we wanted to let you know that the planting date has been delayed pending the approval of the County permits. We will keep you updated with any new information as it becomes available.

Meetings Night Change?

At the November meeting, a recommendation was made to potentially change the BCA General Session meeting day from Monday to another night. Some members feel that their might be better attendance at the meetings if they were not on Monday nights. If you have an opinion on the meeting night change, please be sure to attend the February BCA meeting on Feb 19th to have your voice heard. If you cannot attend the meeting, but would still like to have your vote count you may either call the BCA Hotline at 408-236-3769 or email Marisol@burbankcommunityassn.com. Be sure to include your name so that we may tally your vote.

The suggested nights for a meeting change have been Wednesday or Thursday.

Recipe Corner

Chicken Salad w/ A Twist

Ingredients

8 ounces uncooked spiral pasta
 2 ½ cups cubed cooked chicken
 1 medium onion, chopped
 2 celery ribs, chopped
 1 medium cucumber, seeded & chopped
 ½ cup sliced ripe olives
 1/3 cup zesty Italian salad dressing
 1/3 cup mayonnaise
 2 tsps spicy brown mustard
 1 tsp lemon juice
 ½ tsp salt
 ¼ tsp pepper
 3 plum tomatoes

Directions

Cook pasta according to package directions; drain and rinse in cold water.

In a large bowl, combine the pasta, chicken, onion, celery, cucumber and olives.

In a small bowl, whisk the Italian dressing, mayonnaise, mustard, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Pour over salad and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours or until chilled. Just before serving, fold in tomatoes. And dinner is served!!!

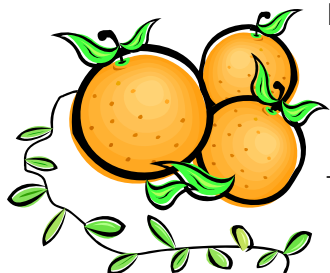


Happy Valentines Day!

99 Cent Video at 1863 W. San Carlos - CLOSED

The BCA would like to sincerely thank our law enforcement, our residents, the West San Carlos Business District and government agencies who helped to keep the immediate area around the school free of adult businesses. It appears that the video store owner has chosen to close the business rather than comply with the San Jose Code requirements concerning adult businesses with 500 ft of schools.

Do You Have Un-Used Oranges, Grapefruits and Lemons? Consider Donating Them to the Hungry.



If you have healthy and fresh citrus, some of our food banks are desperate for them. Please consider donating to those who can really use it.

The BCA contacted some of the local homeless shelters and they will take ANYTHING. They are in desperate need of citrus.

If you have fruit that is CLEAN and HEALTHY, please bring your donations to:

Loaves & Fishes 389 East Santa Clara Street San Jose, CA 95113 408.293.4505 www.loavesfishes.org	InnVision of Santa Clara County Montgomery Street Inn 358 North Montgomery Street San Jose, CA 408.271.5160 www.innvision.org
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Burbank Area Youth Are Making a Difference
 Congratulations to Stephanie McCain, a Del Mar High School Senior, who was accepted to the San Jose District 6 Youth Advisory Council. Stephanie joins young people from all around District 6 to help make a difference in the community. We wish them all the best in their new endeavor!!

Home and Family Disaster Preparedness Course

Saturday, Feb. 24 or Saturday, March 3
 9:00am – 11:00am
 855 North Pedro Street, San Jose
 Register for either session by calling 408-277-4598 or email sjprepared@sanjoseca.gov
 Class is limited to 40 people, so please RSVP no later than February 16th

Newsletter Volunteers!

Hey everyone, it's that time of year again and we need help delivering the newsletter at the end of April. We are reaching out now so that we can plan our volunteers effectively. If you can deliver on your street, it would be a tremendous help. It takes about 20 - 30 minutes per street, it is an easy way to get some exercise or visit with your neighbors Call 408.236.3769 or send newsletter@burbankcommunityassn.com an email if you can help.



Free Electronic Waste Recycling

The Volunteer Center of Silicon Valley, Council Member Judy Chirco and District 9 Neighborhood Associations are hosting a free E-Waste Recycling Day:

Saturday, February 24
 9:00am – 3:00pm
 Camden Community Center
 3369 Union Avenue, San Jose

For more information call: 408-573-8573
www.earthcarerecycling.com
 They will NOT be accepting: batteries, freezers, air conditioners or anything with motor oil.