



Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life in the Burbank Area

The Burbank Streetscape Project Has Been Completed!



We're very excited! Phase one of the Bascom Avenue streetscape project has been completed. The \$690K from the VTA helped to pave the way on Bascom between West San Carlos and 280 with several [London Plain](#) (aka Sycamore) and [Crepe Myrtle](#) trees. The new landscaping offers improved pedestrian safety and beautification for our community. YEAH!

The Burbank Area Receives \$225,000.00

We are pleased to announce that the Santa Clara District Attorney will receive up to \$225,000.00 in funding from the U.S. Department of Justice for the Burbank area over the next four years for the [Weed and Seed Program](#).

Weed and Seed is a Department of Justice initiative aimed at revitalizing neighborhoods suffering from high rates of crime. The goal is to "weed out" violent crime, drug trafficking, and gang activity and work to prevent crime from reoccurring by "seeding" those neighborhoods with a variety of social services.

We thank Ray Mendoza in the Santa Clara District Attorney's Office for his assistance with this very important initiative.

Thank you Tiffany Thayer!



The BCA would like to sincerely thank our extraordinary Web designer/programmer Tiffany Thayer. The BCA has been working with Tiffany to redesign our site, and we are thrilled with the results!

Not only has she captured the historical significance of our community and represented it visually, she has also created a navigation system that makes surfing to valuable resources VERY EASY for you. We will be launching the new site very soon, so stay tuned!

Tiffany holds a degree in Art and provides design and production services for the high tech arena and private sector. Outside of being a fabulous person to work with, avid outdoors person, and animal lover, Tiffany knows how to make Web sites work!

If you have a need, Tiffany's services are available for hire. Please contact tiffany@tiffanythayer.com for an estimate. Make your Web site more effective!

April Gardening Tips

- It's time to plant your summer annuals! Marigolds, Impatiens, Alyssum, Petunias, Lobelia, Dahlias and Zinnias can add gorgeous color to your yard!
- Yards need to be treated for snails. Pie pans filled with beer are a safe way to rid your yard of snails and protect your pets.
- Plant summer bulbs in 2-week intervals for continuous blooms and cut flowers for your home!
- To control worms in your apples and pears, spray with insecticidal soap when two-thirds to three quarters of the flower petals drop, then twice more at 2-week intervals.
- Citrus trees should be pruned to remove dead wood, crossing branches or long suckers.
- Check your citrus trees for scale, a sucking insect that clusters around stems. Spray w/horticultural oil & insecticide.



Please Attend the Next BCA Meeting:

MONDAY, April 18, 2005 — 7:00PM

Community Justice Center — 105 N. Bascom Avenue, Suite 104

Refreshments will be served

AGENDA

7:00 - 7:05pm: Administrative Business

Welcome and Introductions – Anthony Martinez

Changes and additions to the agenda

Attendance count/Quorum

Approve minutes for the March 2005 meeting

7:05 – 8:00pm:

Ballpark discussion • Ice Cream Social • 2005/2006 Health Fair • Burbank Jamboree Food Table • Clifton Park • Housing Development Update • Burbank/NAC meeting discussion • Burbank Sanitary District Dumpster Day.

8:00 - 8:30pm: Report/Discussion/Actions

8:30 – 8:35pm: Comments for the Good of the Burbank Community

8:35pm: Adjournment - Next meeting is May 16, 2005

MEETING MINUTES — MARCH 21, 2005

Attendance: 11 (5 Board Members, 6 participants) — The meeting started at 7:05pm. Hot soup and condiments were served to attendees.

The **meeting** was called to order by Chairperson, Anthony Martinez, and the minutes for the March 2005 meeting were accepted with changes.

Treasurer Art Chavez provided an update on BCA financial transactions and notified the group that the BCA has \$351.74 in the checking account.

UNSCC Membership was discussed and voted on (3 nays, 7 yays, Daniel Chavez abstained from vote.) A motion was made to pay \$150.00 that provides insurance for routine meetings and special events.

Teri Allen, from the City of San Jose **Anti-Graffiti Program** further discussed illegal dumping, the areas designated for clean up, and passed out both litter and anti-graffiti kits. For more information contact [Teri](#) at: 408.277.3208

Membership renewal dues for the W. San Carlos Business Association were unanimously approved. Dues are \$50.00.

The re-designed [BCA Website](#) is scheduled to launch before the next meeting.

The sale of **Lou's Village** to a developer is on the radar. The projected plan is to build 96 town homes with underground parking in the 500K to 600K price range. It will be a private sale, not through the redevelopment agency.

8:35: Meeting adjournment

Upcoming Meeting/Events

April

07 – Burbank Sanitary Board

09 – Jim Beall's Pancake Breakfast

12 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.

18 – BCA

21 – Burbank Sanitary Board

23 – Great American Litter Pick Up

28 – Burbank/NAC

May

05 – Burbank Sanitary Board

10 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.

16 – BCA

19 – Burbank Sanitary Board

26 – Burbank/NAC

TBD: Community Happy Hour!

June

04 – St. Clare's Family Fair

14 – SJCC Budget Planning

18 – Burbank Jamboree

TBD: Area wide garage sale

Donations Needed

We are looking for a donation of up to **six outdoor enclosed bulletin boards** so that we can post information about the BCA. Estimated costs are \$250 each.

Do you have a copier at work or home that can help print the BCA newsletter in 11x17 format?

If you can help with any of the aforementioned items contact the [BCA](#) via e-mail or 408.236.3769.

Slow Down!

The [Street Smarts](#) organization has provided several homes in the Burbank with signs that encourage drivers to SLOW DOWN. Pets, people and especially children are often crossing the street and speeding vehicles create quite a hazard. Please watch your speed and play it safe!

Senior Citizens — A Great Resource Directory For You!

The new Senior Services Directory, available for \$5.00 (cost covers printing and postage), offers information on housing, healthcare, care management, transportation and recreation in the Silicon Valley and surrounding areas. To order a copy, please contact the [Council on Aging](#) at 408.296.8290. You may also stop by and pick up a copy at: 2115 The Alameda, San Jose, CA 95126. If you cannot afford the cost, please inquire and a copy will be sent at no charge.

We Need Volunteers!

- In May or June, we are doing an **area-wide distribution** of the **newsletter** to the entire Burbank Community. We need people to help hand deliver.
- The **Burbank Jamboree** is coming up in June. We need people to staff the BCA table, hand out literature and refreshments!
- Are you an experienced **Grant Writer**? Many improvements in our neighborhood are funded by state and federal grants. Improvements such as street lighting, drainage updates, streetscaping and community beautification are SOLELY funded by submitted grants.
- **2 board members are needed!** District 1 (O’Conner Hospital, Bailey Ave.) and District 5 (Valley Medical Center) is in need of representation. You do not have to live in those respective areas to represent. The BCA can really use your expertise to help build our community.
- The BCA newsletter and the new Web site are in need of **creative content writers**. Have you heard about something in the neighborhood that you would like to share? Help us make our content more of a resource for the community! Please send an [e-mail](#) or call 408.236.3769 if you can help out.



The Burbank Community is Cleaning House

At the March BCA meeting, Litter and Anti-Graffiti kits were passed out to attendees and they have already been put to work! Recently, some of our residents were spotted cleaning up the community. The area of Flagg and Parkmoor has been relieved of 4 large bags of trash. THANK YOU for helping to beautify our community!

If you would like to participate in cleaning up, please let us know! We can help you get a kit. It’s great for kids and families to do as a group effort...and you make your living environment more beautiful.

Jim Beall’s Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, April 9

Campbell Community Center, Orchard City Hall Banquet Room
1 West Campbell Avenue, Campbell CA
Time: 8:30am-10:30am

Please RSVP at: 408.299.5040

Recipe Corner

PEANUT BUTTER CHEWS

San Jose Unified School District

Main Ingredients

- 1/2 cup of sugar
- 1/4 cup of brown sugar
- 1/4 cup of peanut butter
- 1 egg
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 tblsp + 1 tsp butter
- 1/2 cup of sifted flour
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 3/4 cup of rolled oats
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- Powdered sugar

Directions

Cream together sugars, peanut butter, egg, vanilla and butter. In a separate bowl, mix flour, salt, oats and baking powder, then add all at once to creamed mixture.

Grease and flour an 8-inch square pan. Press mixture into pan with fingers making it level. Bake about 15 minutes or until golden brown. Chews will be quite soft when removed from oven but will firm up as they cool. Sprinkle with powdered sugar and cut into squares while still warm.

Wrap in wax paper to pack a snack!



Have a recipe you would like to share? [Send us an e-mail!](#)

The Burbank Offer Some Great Deals & Yummy Food!

Editorial by: [Chantale Hansen](#)

I recently took a stroll around the Burbank to check out some of the local establishments and decided that for each edition of the BCA Newsletter it would be nice to spotlight some of our local merchants — check them out:

[Holland Pastry and Gift Shop](#)

524 Bascom Ave. – 408.293.1441

Operated by [Klaas Mensonidas](#), serving the Burbank since 1949.

I had the wonderful pleasure of popping in on a Saturday and having a chat with Orpa who introduced me to this WONDERFUL pastry called Tompoes. It is a napoleon style puffed pastry filled with rum custard. It was absolutely to die for and at \$2.00 a slice, it is something that should not be missed! From wedding cakes, pastries, wonderful cheeses, chocolates giftware and china, they are a great place to get some goodies from, and VERY nice!



3 J's Food and Liquor

2115 Scott Street — 408.287.6320

This pristine store offers some groceries at a substantially lower cost than larger

shopping establishments in the area. Conveniently located on Scott St. there is ample parking for that quick trip inside! I recently compared prices and was pleasantly surprised that I could actually items at a cheaper price than other places that I have shopped. The owner is extremely cordial and helpful, and the store is SPOTLESS.

Falafel Drive In

2301 Stevens Creek Blvd. — 408.294.7886

Operated by the Nijmeh Family, serving the Burbank since 1966.

Drawing regular diners from all over, this landmark offers the best falafels around! The food is fresh and abundant with tomatoes, lettuce and tahini sauce. And don't forget to try the banana shakes they're absolutely delicious!

Also on the menu are gyros, hamburgers, tabbouleh, fries, baklava, and other yummy items. Don't miss this bay area jewel! I make it there at least once a month!



Feedback

The BCA is very interested in receiving your feedback on how we can improve our community. If you have feedback that you would like to provide, please let us know, we're listening!

Send your comments to: newsletter@burbankcommunityassn.com

Need Work?

The [Workforce Investment Network of Silicon Valley](#) can help you. This service provides **no-cost** employment and training services to job seekers at One-Stop centers around the valley.

SERVICES

- Multiple languages spoken
- Resume writing
- Financial assistance
- Computer training
- Networking techniques & more!

TOOLS

- Internet services with printers
- Copiers, faxes & telephones
- Library of books and resources
- Workshops

Located at 2450 S. Bascom Ave.
Hours: M-F, 8-5pm. 408.369.3606

W.I.C. PROGRAM

[The Women, Infants and Children \(WIC\)](#) program, available to low income families, offers nutritional services to pregnant women, new mothers and young children — helping to ensure that they eat well and stay healthy.

Call 1-800-942-9675 to see if you qualify, or visit your local WIC agency at: 976 Lenzen Avenue, San Jose. You may also call locally at 408.792.5101.

BALLPARK UPDATE!

The City of San Jose has decided to pull out of talks to acquire the closed Del Monte Cannery. You can view the [SJ Mercury News](#) article for a brief time via the above link.