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Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life in the Burbank Area

Meet the County Supervisor Candidates!

We are pleased to announce that the three County Supervisor Candidates: Linda LeZotte, Patricia Mahan and Ken Yeager will be attending the **County Supervisor Community Electoral Forum** scheduled for May 20 at the Sherman Oaks Community Center. This exciting event is FOR YOU, so that you can directly ask questions to your next County Supervisor.

Here are the details:

Saturday, May 20
10:00am – 2:00pm
Sherman Oaks Community Center
1800 Fruitdale Avenue
San Jose CA 95128

Each candidate is eager to meet YOU. We hope that you will plan on attending.

Luther Burbank Elementary School is Turning 100!



On September 23, Luther Burbank Elementary School will host a huge celebration to commemorate one hundred years in our community. The panoramic picture above depicts the original architecture facing the corner of Wabash and W. San Carlos Street.

Luther Burbank is a single school district and educates nearly 450 children who live in OUR neighborhood. The school operates a unique kindergarten through eighth grade comprehensive program, and 70 preschool children attend full-day classes on-site. This commemoration is very special to the Burbank Community, and we hope that you will plan to attend.

The event will take place on the school grounds. If you have memories, pictures, or mementos to contribute, please contact the school at: 408.295.2450. They are also in need of volunteers and private donations.

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 while protecting kids and pets.
- Plant summer bulbs in two-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 two-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.



Help Limit Eminent Domain Initiative – Have You Sent in Your Petition Yet?

The **April 30 deadline** is fast approaching for the "Limit Eminent Domain" petitions to be submitted. People...this is your opportunity to have a say in the future of your property and others. This initiative simply fixes the kind of abuse that has so outraged the nation in the Kelo decision.

This initiative, simply put, stands for "no eminent domain for private gain."

We are asking everyone to PLEASE give your strong support, it only takes four easy steps:

1. Refer to: www.limiteminentdomain.org
2. Download the petition
3. Sign it
4. Mail it in

Please be sure to follow the guidelines very carefully, they are very strict and we want to make sure your petition counts!



Come to the 10th Annual Spring in Guadalupe Gardens Event

On **Saturday, April 22, from 9:00am to 4:00pm**, you are invited to join in the big spring celebration! This exciting event includes booths and information for: Plant Sales, Bay Area Garden Railway Society, Garden Accessories, Food and Entertainment, Tours of Guadalupe Gardens, Free Professional Garden Advice, Heritage Rose Garden in Full-Bloom, Alternative Energy and a Free Compost giveaway to the first 500 people and much more!

Location: Guadalupe River Park & Gardens - Coleman to Taylor and Spring Street, San Jose, 95110.

For more information, refer to: www.grpg.org

Illegitimate Businesses Evicted in the Burbank

As a result of working with the property owner of 1464 and 1468 W. San Carlos Avenue in San Jose, the occupants of the two illegitimate massage parlors, New Toning and Beauty Care have been evicted.

The occupants are now out and the owner is going to renovate the building. The owner has promised us he would not rent to any illegitimate businesses anymore. Please contact the Santa Clara County Sheriff's if you have information regarding new locations for these businesses.

Thank you for helping to clean up our Community, you really help to make it a better place to work, live and play.

Upcoming Meeting/Events

April

- 05 – UNSCC Meeting
- 06 – Burbank Sanitary Board
- 08 – Great American Clean Up
- 11 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.
- 17 – BCA MEETING**
- 20 – Burbank Sanitary Board
- 26 – 975 Bascom Liquor Store Mtg
- 27 – Burbank/NAC

May

- 04 – Burbank Sanitary Board
- 09 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.
- 15 – BCA MEETING**
- 18 – Burbank Sanitary Board
- 20 – Community Electoral Forum**
- 25 – Burbank/NAC
- 30 – BVNA Meeting

June

- 01 – Burbank Sanitary Board
- 03 – Burbank Jamboree**
- 06 – County Supervisor Elections
- 13 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.
- 15 – Burbank Sanitary Board
- 19 – BCA MEETING**
- 22 – Burbank/NAC
- TBD: Area wide garage sale*

Racers Still Needed!

The BCA is still looking for bed runners for "The Burbank Special." How it works: You take four runners to push the bed with the prince or princess rider hanging on for dear life. Each of the runners are positioned at each corner of the bed; the official fires the gun and you are off!

Race participation is free and prizes will be awarded for the fastest and best-dressed bed.

To participate, contact the BCA...We NEED YOUR TALENT!!!



ArtCar is in the Burbank...and They're Known All Over!

ArtCars are licensed, registered and insured vehicles that are permanently altered in an act of self-expression. The unique aspect of our art is that our canvas is what we drive to work and to the store.

Most people, and certainly most Americans, look to someone's car as shorthand for our status and preferences. Twenty-three years ago, I felt unhappy by how I was judged driving a 1977 Chevy Vega, so I zebra-striped it and bolted some antlers to the roof. Instantly, I went from low-rent to artist, and I've been making ArtCars ever since.

One of the great things about ArtCars is the broad demographic that responds to them: Everyone from cowboy to homeboys, the young and old. Join me at ArtCar Fest, produced by my self and fellow ArtCar artist Harrod Blank at The San Jose Museum of Art, Saturday, September 16, and see for yourself. – Philo

For more information about ArtCars, refer to www.artcarfest.com

Burbank Jamboree is June 3 – Volunteer or Sell!

The Burbank Jamboree is around the corner, and the BCA needs people to staff the booth. If you lend a hand to help us set up and tear down, or hang out and talk to residents and hand out literature, please let us know.

The Jamboree event team is also putting the word out to local businesses, artists and crafts people to obtain booth space to sell your items. We are expecting a pretty big crowd this year, and booth space is limited and filling up! Send an e-mail to info@sancarlosstreet.com if you are interested.



Spring has Sprung in the Burbank!

The 750 daffodils that the Burbank volunteers planted back in November are rearing their happy little heads! Take a walk over to Luther Burbank Elementary School, the Time Deli and Babyland to see how the San Jose Beautification project panned out.

Thank you to Richard Rodriguez of Luther Burbank School, the crew from First Five Kids, and of course the BCA's own volunteers: Susan Bradley, Anthony Martinez, Chantale Hansen, Rebecca Stamm,

Warren Hansen, and the team from the San Jose Beautification Program who helped to make our community a happy and bright place to be!

🍷 Recipe Corner

Lemon Cream Waffles

Murphy House, B&B, New York

Main Ingredients

1 egg, room temp & separated
 1 cup flour
 1 teaspoon baking powder
 1/8 teaspoon salt
 1 tablespoon sugar
 1 teaspoon lemon peel
 2/3 cup cream
 2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
 4 tablespoons butter, melted and cooled

Directions

Beat egg white in a small bowl until stiff; set aside.

Mix together dry ingredients; set aside.

Combine egg yolk, cream, lemon juice & butter. Add to dry ingredients, mixing until just blended.

Fold in beaten egg white until just mixed, being careful not to overbeat.

Bake on a preheated waffle iron about 5 minutes, until steaming stops. Garnish with whipped cream and lemon slices. Serve with real maple syrup.



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



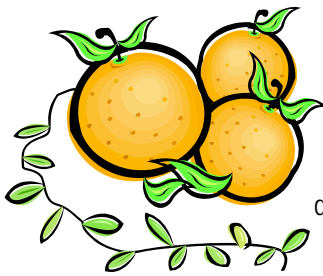
Have You Started Your Spring Cleaning? InnVision Serves Needy Local Families with Your Help

InnVision is Silicon Valley's largest provider of housing and services to homeless and at-risk families and individuals. Founded in 1973 as the San Jose Urban Ministry, InnVision now serves more than 16,000 people annually at 20 sites throughout the region.

InnVision needs more donations of money, food, clothing and volunteers more than ever. If you are cleaning out your closets, please consider donating your gently used goods to InnVision. Donations are accepted at their warehouse at:

InnVision Georgia Travis Center
297 Commercial Street (corner of Commercial and 7th Street)
San Jose, CA 95112
408-453-3124
9:00-4:00pm Monday through Friday

Celebrate your success by sharing your bounty with people who need it the most: For more information and to donate online, visit www.innvision.org



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:

<p>Loaves & Fishes 389 East Santa Clara Street San Jose, CA 95113 408.293.4505 www.loavesfishes.org</p>	<p>InnVision of Santa Clara County Montgomery Street Inn 358 North Montgomery Street San Jose, CA 408.271.5160 www.innvision.org</p>
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Thank you for helping out people who are less fortunate.

Last Call for Newsletter Volunteers!

Hey everyone, it's that time of year again and we need help delivering the newsletter at the end of April. 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.



Bascom Liquor Store Update

On March 20, over 50 residents gathered to meet about the proposed Liquor Store. There was an overwhelming opposition about adding another Liquor store in the Burbank – especially across from where the new Community Center is planned to be built.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 26 with the Planning Commission. We will keep you updated as we learn more.

Great American Clean Up in The Burbank!

On Saturday, April 8, the Burbank will participate in a HUGE clean-up effort to help beautify our community. To out with this year's Litter Pick Up, call (408) 535-3500. You can register at 8:30am at the following location: **Luther Burbank School, 4 Wabash Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128.**

Free lunch is provided to volunteers! For more information, refer to: www.sanjoseca.gov

BCA Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2006 – 7:00pm

Attendance: 10 (4 Board Members, 6 participants). The meeting was called to order from Chairperson Stamm at 7:05 pm. A quorum was realized and the February meeting minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Ky Le, indicated that the BCA currently has **\$265.87 in savings**, and **\$1,510.66 in the checking account**. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Sheriff's Update: Joe Waldherr (Sergeant, Special Operations/Bomb Squad) requested that residents send him email or call him regarding marijuana use in the Burbank area. They are working on from an OES grant to keep marijuana off the streets but the grant is funded from statistics. Your information can keep this unit going. Please call 408-808-4761, or send an email to: joe.waldherr@sho.co.santa-clara.ca.us

Barron Cox (Deputy Sheriff) spoke on the massage parlors business that were operating illegally and have been removed. Residents have the local knowledge of the neighborhood. Please share this information with the Sheriff's department if you suspect any illegal business operating in your area. Sheriff's department is looking for better ways to handle these issues. If business are operating w/o permits; fine landlords for knowingly accepting rent from illegal money; please send emails you have regarding illegal businesses they help build cases against illegal businesses and increase the chance of a conviction.

One resident spoke about a personal illegal entry by whom she suspects to be her neighbors. Barron Cox will handle this offline with her. If you have a similar situation please contact the Sheriff department immediately for assistance.

Chantale Hansen, the BCA Vice Chairperson wanted to know why police activity was up over the last 6 months. Barron Cox responded: Weekend nights are pretty quite. They receive mainly domestic-related calls, and not calls for violent issues. There were very few calls North of West San Carlos. The BCA is still waiting for crime statistics. Barron Cox will inquire about their activity level and report back to the BCA.

Anti Graffiti Program: An illegal dumping site has been located behind where Savers and Alex's 49er Inn. The Anti Graffiti task force will be targeting this location to clean it up. Please call Jacque Nunez 227-3208 or email jacque.nunez@sanjose.gov for more information.

County Supervisor Election Updates: San Jose City Council member Linda LeZotte who running for Santa Clara County Supervisor attended our meeting and gave a wonderful perspective on her candidacy. She prides herself on listening to both sides and spending time with the community. She would like voters to see what she has done for her community and realize she can do the same for the Burbank.

Main concern is the Valley Medical Center; strong supporter of the San Jose Redevelopment Agency (RDA), and gave two examples of going against the community in favor of new development being firm in her belief that in both cases the community would come out better for it. In both cases she believes it has.

Come to the supervisor form on May 20th to listen to all the candidates speak on their views and top initiatives.

If you would like to contact Council member LeZotte to obtain more information, please call 408-244-2243 or send an e-mail to: lezotteforsupervisor@earthlink.net, or refer to her Web site: www.lindalezotte.com

Area Wide Newsletter: The BCA needs volunteers to distribute the area wide newsletter at the beginning of May. If you can help. Please contact the BCA right away.

Great American Pick Up on April 8, at Luther Burbank School. Please see attached flyer. The BCA is not officially collaborating for this event but encourages Burbank residents to participate if possible.

Neighborhood Watch: 15 people attended the first meeting at the Luther Burbank School. The idea is to get individuals to host a meeting at their home with residents on their block. A neighborhood watch goes from street corner to street corner.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

BCA Meeting Agenda – April 20, 2006 – 7:00pm

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

AGENDA (Subject to change pending new request/updates)

7:00 - 7:05 pm: Administrative Business

- Welcome and Introductions
- Attendance count/Quorum
- Approve minutes for the March 2006 meeting
- Treasurers Report

7:05 – 8:15 pm: Report/Discussion/Actions


- Community Electoral Forum
- The Burbank Jamboree
- Area wide newsletter. Distribution recruitment. Advertising.
- Distribution of recommended Amendments to the Bylaws. Feedback due at April meeting.
- Grant applications
- County Supervisor Updates: Doug Winslow
- Marc Buller: Candidate for Santa Clara County District Attorney

8:15 - 8:30pm: Comments for the Good of the Burbank

8:30pm: Adjournment

Great American Litter

PICK UP



Saturday, April 8, 2006

Clean-up: 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. • Lunch: 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Help clean up litter in San José. To participate in this year's Litter Pick Up, call (408) 535-3500 to sign up for one of the meeting locations listed below. On the day of the event, register at your meeting location and receive litter clean-up supplies. Following the event, join us for a Celebration Lunch at the CET, Center for Employment Training. Lunch is free for volunteers.

Schedule

Register	8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Meet at Luther Burbank School
Clean Up	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Pick up litter in designated areas
Travel to Lunch	11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Leave bags of litter at designated sites and travel to lunch
Celebration Lunch	11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	CET, Center for Employment Training 701 Vine Street, San Jose CA 95110 The Auditorium

Meeting Location

Luther Burbank School
4 Wabash Avenue
San Jose CA 95128

Councilmember Ken Yeager

Invites you



As your Councilmember, I am pleased to invite you to a community outreach meeting for the future West Branch Library and Community Center. This is such an exciting addition to our community – please join me and give City staff your input on this exciting new space!

- **When:** Monday, April 24, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Where:** Del Mar High School Cafeteria (1224 Del Mar Ave.)

West Branch Library and Bascom Community Center

- **Site Location:** 1000 South Bascom Avenue (site of former Qument Electronics)
- **Size:** Both the Library and the Community Center will each be 20,000 square feet for a combined total of 40,000 square feet.
- **Funding:**
 - **Library:** Branch Library Bond Funds
 - **Community Center:** Measure P Bond Funds, Park Trust and Construction and Conveyance Tax Funds
- **Tentative Timeline:**
 - **Programming and Community Outreach:** March 2006 to August 2006
 - **Design Development:** September 2006 to Summer 2007
 - **Construction:** Fall of 2007 to Summer of 2009
- **Services Offered and Space:**
 - **Community Input:** The services and programs that will take place in the Library and Community Center are not yet determined. The purpose of the community outreach process is to get input from residents on the services that they would like to be provided at the center. Please join me at the meeting on April 24 to give your feedback.
 - **City Staff:** City of San Jose Strong Neighborhood Initiative and Library staff will recommend sports facilities for youth, community rooms for large events; classrooms; activity rooms for arts and crafts and early child care.
- **Special Features:**
 - **Library:** Over 40 public computers, a "marketplace" or browsing area, a fireplace, a quiet room, group study rooms, a community room, an Internet café, a teen center, and a dedicated storytelling space
 - **Community Center:** This facility is being built as a "Green" building that is energy-efficient and low maintenance. A medium-sized gymnasium will also be built in this facility.
- **More Questions and Information:**
 - **Library:** For more information please visit the website at www.newsanjoselibraries.com or call 535-8450.
 - **Community Center:** Please contact Simeon Mercado, Parks Manager with Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, at 793-5526 or via email at simeon.mercado@sanjoseca.gov.