



Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life in the Burbank Area

Come Join the Burbank Jamboree – Saturday, June 18

In 1948, the [West San Carlos Business Association](#) kicked off the first “mid-summer” Burbank Jamboree. West San Carlos was packed with thousands of spectators who came to see the parade, try their funky munky



at the dance, see the beauty pageant, and occasionally participate in the “Whiskerino” contests.

This year the Burbank Jamboree has all sorts of fun in store for you!

Join us for a day of fun as you hunt for hidden treasures at the antique and collectible dealers, participate in the Buena Vista Historic Homes and Garden Tours, admire the vintage motorcycles on display, and enjoy top quality entertainment provided by neighborhood groups.

The great annual bed race is on...are you up for the challenge? Get your four wheeler ready! It's a great time for the whole family. We look forward to seeing you there!

Update on Weed and Seed Program

Ray Mendoza from the Santa Clara District Attorney's Office communicated that the Burbank area will be receiving 87,500 this year for "Seeding Programs." This would include a neighborhood watch program two dumpster days in the area, and a truancy abatement program.

Re-defining Blight – Is Your Home Outta Here?

Here they come again! The San Jose Redevelopment Agency is hoping that state lawmakers will pass two new bills coming before them. One, by Assemblyman Joe Coto, D-San Jose, gives redevelopment areas a 10-year extension. Another, SB521, by Sen. Tom Torlakson, D-Concord, redefines blight to include “the lack of high density development within a transit development district.” A transit development district would include a one-quarter mile area around a transit hub/station. These bills have the potential to pave the way for high-density living development in OUR neighborhood. These bills will also aid in diverting much needed property tax money to the redevelopment agency, rather than to [County services](#). Please [stay informed](#) and [contact](#) your Assembly and Local government officials to let them know.

May Gardening Tips

Summer annuals are in full swing!

- Now through mid-May is the best time to plant ground covers, as they become easily established before continuous hot weather sets in.
- Time to plant tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, squash, corn, basil, green beans, cucumbers, and melons from starts. Remember to amend soil liberally, as vegetable crops deplete nutrients from soils rather quickly.
- Cool season greens, such as lettuce, spinach, cilantro, chard, and mustard can be planted through the summer in morning sun locations. Under warmer temperatures, they will go to seed more quickly, so plan on planting more frequently.
- Sharpen your pruning tools! They make better cuts that heal faster.



Please Attend the Next BCA Meeting:**MONDAY, May 16, 2005 — 7:00PM**

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

Please join us for refreshments & goodies. All attendees will get a free copy of the "Are you Ready" emergency preparedness book.**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 April 2005 meeting

7:05 – 8:00pm: Presenter **Pat Mahan**, current Mayor of Santa Clara, is **running for County Supervisor**, please come and learn about her position.**Additional Meeting Topics:** SJ Blight & Redevelopment Issues • Area Wide Newsletter • New BCA Web site 2006 Health Fair • Burbank Jamboree • Clifton Park • 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 June 20, 2005**MEETING MINUTES — April 18, 2005**Attendance: 11 (4 Board Members, 7 participants) — The meeting started at 7:05pm. Refreshments were served to attendees. The **meeting** was called to order by Chair person, Anthony Martinez, and the minutes for the March 2005 meeting were accepted with changes.**Treasurer** Art Chavez reported that the BCA has \$400 in savings; \$166.87 in the checking; and confirmed receipt of the \$4500 grant for operational activities.**Officers Jason Ta from the SJPd and Elbert Rivera from the Santa Clara Sheriff's** gave a crime report for the area, highlighting that the Kragen Auto on West San Carlos has been subject to several armed robberies recently.The **Burbank Health Fair** in conjunction with O'Conner Hospital will be held on **April 8, 2006** at St. Leo's. Music, lunch, hearing tests, cholesterol checks, breast cancer examinations and other services will be offered – Free of Charge.**Volunteers are needed to help plan.**The new [BCA Website](#) is live, check out the new design!The **BCA** will have a table at the Burbank Jamboree, and passing out free ice cream information packets. Disaster Preparedness Books will be distributed to individuals who sign up as members of the BCA.**8:45: Meeting adjournment****Upcoming Meeting/Events****MAY**

05 – Burbank Sanitary Board

07 – Burbank Sanitary District**Spring Clean Up! 7:00am – Noon.**

10 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.

16 – BCA

19 – Burbank Sanitary Board

26 – Burbank/NAC

JUNE

04 – St. Clare's Family Fair

14 – SJCC Budget Planning

18 – Burbank Jamboree

20 – BCA

*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.If you can help with any of the aforementioned items contact the [BCA](#) via e-mail or 408.236.3769.**Update on Development**The West San Carlos Business Association just posted a new [Economic Development Strategy](#) document. This document provides almost 200 pages of information about the long term strategy for this area.

The file size is large (17.5mb). If you would like a hard copy, send a request to:

info@sancarlosstreet.com**Childcare**

When searching for a daycare center for your child, there are certain criteria that you should keep in mind.

We found a great resource on the web to help you with your assessments. Refer to this great [How to](#) site.

Identity Theft – Are You Aware of Who Has Your Info?

Identity theft is a crime in which someone wrongfully obtains and uses another person’s personal data in some way that involves fraud or deception, usually for economic gains. Personal data that you should protect:

- Social Security Number
- Bank Account Numbers
- Credit Card Numbers
- Calling Card Numbers
- Medicare Cards and Policy Numbers

A criminal can use these numbers that are unique to you to make unauthorized withdrawals from your accounts or fraudulent charges to your credit cards.

Tips That Can Help you!

- Shred all statements with important or personal info. prior to disposing.
- Do not allow anyone to stand within hearing or seeing distance when you are giving personal data to anyone verbally, or punching into a keypad.
- Cut up credit cards before disposing.
- Shred “pre-approved” credit cards you may receive in the mail. Criminals may try to activate cards without your knowledge.
- Do not give your personal data to anyone over the Internet or phone unless you are specifically soliciting services from that organization.
- Do not put too much information such as SS# or phone numbers on your personal checks. When writing checks to pay credit card bills, do not put the full account number on the check. Instead, just put the last 4 numbers.
- If possible, make your mail inaccessible to anyone but you. PO boxes or locked mailboxes can prevent criminals from stealing your documents.

Resources

If you suspect you have become a victim of identity theft or your wallet has been lost or stolen, or would like more detailed information on prevention, here are some resources and contacts to be aware of.

Equifax

Credit reports: 1-800-685-1111
P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta GA 30374
To report fraud call: 1-800-525-6285

Experian

Credit reports or fraud: 1-888-397-3742
P.O. Box 2002, Allen, TX 75013

Trans Union

Credit Reports: 1-800-888-4213
P.O. Box 1000, Chester, PA 19022
To report fraud call: 1-800-680-7289

Recipe Corner

LASAGNA SOUP

Rebecca Stamm – BCA Vice Chair

Main Ingredients

- 1 lb (or so) ground beef
- 1-2 onions
- 2 cans of corn
- 5-6 cups of water
- 1 can diced tomatoes
- 1 box Hamburger Helper Lasagna Mix
- 3-6 zucchini cut into bite size pieces
- Parmesan cheese

Directions

Brown ground beef and onion in a dutch oven. When beef is cooked through, add water, corn w/liquid, tomatoes and season envelope from Hamburger Helper mix.

Heat until just boiling then add zucchini and noodles. Boil 10 min. or until noodles are done.

Serve – top with Parmesan cheese

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

West Nile Virus Update

With the recent rain and sun, you may find stagnating water around your home. This is a prime environment for mosquitoes to breed that may potentially carry the [West Nile Virus](#). Please check old buckets, tires, planters, and other places where water may be stagnating.

The [5th National Conference](#) on West Nile in February provided, several presentations from 2004 that outline specific details and helpful resources. Or call the Santa Clara Valley Water District at 408-265-2600.

Support Your Neighborhood Merchants!

Editorial by: [Chantale Hansen](#)

The quest for great deals in the Burbank continues! Over the past month, the BCA Board members checked out more businesses in the Burbank and found some great stuff! Have you tried some of the places in the Burbank? Let us know, we want to hear about your experiences!



Posey Garden Florist

349 Bascom Ave. – 408.286.8106

Owned & Operated by [Kay Wolf](#)

Rebecca Stamm the BCA Vice Chair has raved several times about the quality and customer service of this wonderful neighborhood gem. Enjoy colorful high quality flowers that LAST and are offered at reasonable prices – just in time for Mothers Day! They deliver too!



Vicky's Restaurant

1536 W. San Carlos — 408.292.3838

Owned & operated by Naresh and Anna Chand

This recent addition to the Burbank offers delicious Salvadoran cuisine at a very affordable price. *Pupusas* (\$1.75-1.95) come to the table hot off the griddle filled with cheese, veggies, or other delightful fillings – and on Mondays they \$1 specials. They also offer *Tilapia* fish that is delicious, and their famous *Revueltas*, a mixture of beans and fried pork rind. It is a place not to be missed!

South Bay Paints

1749 W. San Carlos St. — 408.286.3986



In need of paint, wallpaper, or direction with historical colors? South Bay Paints is your answer! This neighborhood icon offers great customer service, excellent products and new color samples that you can try on your walls before you buy. They can match colors for you, if you bring a sample. This store is a wonderful resource, give 'em a try and make your life much more colorful.



Big Al's Record Barn

525 Bascom Ave. — 408.294.7200

This store is a treasure trove of everything from heavy metal and hip hop to cocktail jazz and vintage crooners. Record collectors and those who honor their vinyl can come here for reasonably priced records. The friendly staff is very knowledgeable and they refresh items on a regular basis.



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

We Need Volunteers!

Important: We need people to help deliver the BCA Newsletter the last weekend in May. If you can deliver to just the houses on your street, that would help us tremendously! It's not that much work, really, and you get some exercise!

The **Burbank Jamboree** is coming up in June. We need people to staff the BCA table.

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 SOLEY 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. 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.