



Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life in the Burbank Area

Don't Forget Our Meeting Room Has Changed

The BCA is now meeting in Room #201. We are no longer meeting in room #104. Elevators are available throughout the evening.

Valley Fair Representative to speak at June BCA meeting



Scot Vallee, Westfield's Development Director, will be speaking at the June 19 BCA meeting.

Valley Fair Mall is looking to expand the mall by up to one third, making it to the largest mall in the region, with more than 2 million square feet of shopping are. This, of course, will bring additional traffic

congestion to our neighborhoods.

If you are concerned about the mall's expansion, or just have questions, please be sure to attend the meeting on the nineteenth. To read the San Jose Mercury News article on the expansion, be sure to visit our website at

www.burbankcommunityassn.com



Shining Stars in Burbank

The BCA wants to thank the two gentlemen in the Bradley Manor area (west of Bascom between Parkmoor and West San Carlos) for their tireless work to keep the neighborhood looking great. These two supporters of the community routinely go out with their pick up truck and clean up the streets of debris and trash, including the 280 overpasses.

THANK YOU!! The efforts for these great neighbors help to make life a little better, a little cleaner and safer for those who enjoy walking through the neighborhood.

If you know of other Burbank Stars, please let us know so that we can thank them and let them know their time and efforts are appreciated. We would like to applaud all of those guardian angels that live in our neighborhood and let them know just how appreciated they are.

June Gardening Tips

- Check your **sprinklers and irrigation** systems for leaks, broken heads, and malfunctions before the hot weather starts!
- **Shrubs & Roses:** For most drip or spray systems, once a week for one hour should be adequate. Remember to avoid direct water on rose foliage unless you water early in the morning to avoid mold.
- **Lawns:** Should be watered 1-2 times a week for one-half to one hour to encourage deep root systems.
- **Trees:** Water established trees once a month July through September for a few hours with bubblers at the drip line to ensure a deep soaking.
- **Veggies:** Soaker hoses work great for vegetable gardens. Run them 1-2 times per week for 2-3 hours. Turn pressure on until you count one drip every 3 seconds along the entire line.





ENJOY YOUR SUMMER PICNICS – BUT BE SAFE

Use separate coolers for food and drinks to help keep the food colder. Have enough ice or gel packs to keep food at a minimum of 40 degrees F.

Pack raw meats, poultry or seafood on the bottom of the cooler. If possible, double bag them in re-sealable bags to help prevent leaking.

Pack coolers full – A full cooler is a colder cooler

Do not partially grill extra meat or poultry to use later. Once you begin, cook until completely done to assure bacteria are destroyed

When taking cooked items off the grill, do not put them on the same plate that raw meat has been on.

Two Hour Rule – Don't leave perishable food un-refrigerated for more than 2 hours. Put them back in the cooler as soon as you are done with them.

Know if there is a source of safe drinking water at your destination. If not, be sure to bring bottled water for drinking, cooking and cleaning up. Cross contamination during food preparation, grilling and serving is a prime cause of food borne illness.

Unsure if your picnic leftovers have been sitting out a bit too long. Be safe and discard them after your picnic.

Always wash your hands before and after food preparation.

May the Best Candidate Win!

On Saturday May 20, the BCA co-hosted the three County Supervisor Candidates: Ken Yeager, Patricia Mahan, and Linda LeZotte.

This very interactive forum posed key questions to each candidate and also allowed residents to ask direct questions. All three candidates support the implementation of a Santa Clara County redevelopment agency.

We would like to thank all of those helped to make this event a great success. We are pleased that this event was reportedly one of the best attended supervisor forum. Please get out and vote on June 6!



Trees for Leigh Avenue?

Loui Tucker, from the Buena Vista Neighborhood Association, is interested in working with someone from the Burbank community to try and get trees planted along Leigh Avenue between West San Carlos and Scott. If you are interested in helping add some addition trees to the neighborhood, please contact the BCA at 408.236.3769 or contact@burbankcommunityassn.com

Upcoming Meeting/Events

JUNE

- 01 – Burbank Sanitary Board
- 03 – Burbank Jamboree**
- 05 – Bascom Library Meeting
- 06 – General Elections**
- 13 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.
- 14 - Flag Day
- 15 – Burbank Sanitary Board
- 19 – BCA MEETING**
- 22 – Burbank/NAC

JULY

- 04 – Independence Day
- 06 – Burbank Sanitary Board
- 11 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.
- 17 – BCA MEETING**
- 20 – Burbank Sanitary Board
- 27 – Burbank/NAC

Celebrate Flag Day-June 14

Join members of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, along with others, to celebrate Flag Day from 12:00pm to 1:30pm at the County Government Plaza. For more information, or to RSVP, call 408-299-5040

Join Our Free Chat Forum!

The BCA has a new mailing list for YOU. This **FREE** online forum allows you to share ideas and communicate with each other to share ideas and communicate with others in the Burbank area—similar to neighbors having a discussion over the backyard fence.

Topics discussed can be varied and free ranging, such as history, crime, new businesses, barking dogs, etc. Join today, everyone is welcome!

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/burbank/>

Treating Your Garden Pests Naturally!

The Sierra Club has put together a list of natural recommendations to help treat your garden pests safely.

Ants	Use horticultural boric acid bait powders and liquids, finely ground chalk, cayenne pepper, diatomaceous earth, or Dr. Bronner's Soap - Peppermint or Eucalyptus
Aphids	Rubbing alcohol, Safer Soap, or Dr. Bronner's Peppermint Soap can be used to treat aphids.
Leaf Miners	Floating row covers, sticky trap, NEEM oil, horticultural oils, garlic, red pepper flakes or the removal of nearby weeds can be used for control of this pest.
Mites	Try cotton swabs dipped in alcohol; the alcohol dissolves mites in a heartbeat. Dr. Bronner's Peppermint Soap also works.
Roaches	Diatomaceous earth or boric acid can be spread all around the points of entry of your home and behind the faceplates of electrical sockets (do not put into the actual socket, just sprinkle lightly around the outside of it). Horticultural oils, garlic, and red pepper flakes also work.
Slugs	Place a shallow dish of beer near areas of intrusion or add crushed eggshells around the bases of plants.
Tomato Horn Worms & Cut Worms	Barrier methods include aluminum foil, garden netting, or cheesecloth. Or you can use recycled food product cans to help prevent cutworms from eating through the stems of tomatoes plants by surrounding the stems with cans that have had both ends removed and have been sunk into the surrounding soil. Horticultural oils, garlic, or red pepper flakes also work.
White Flies	Try Dr. Bronner's Peppermint Soap or set up white or blue sticky traps (you can make your own by painting some white or blue construction paper). A word of caution about sticky traps: they are great for controlling low flying pests, such as whiteflies, but try to place them out of the path of small birds. Small birds have been known to fly onto sticky traps and become trapped.

Important Note About Herbicides: A major problem with herbicides is their tendency to drift to other parts of the garden. Prevent diseases such as blackspot and other fungi by watering roses and other plants at the soil level using soaker hoses, and pruning and spacing plants to ensure good air circulation around them. Treat fungal problems naturally by mixing 1T of baking soda to a quart of water and spraying both the upper and lower portions of the leaves. Diced garlic and red pepper flakes simmered in water and then strained to make a broth, is helpful in preventing fungal problems when sprayed on plants.

Recipe Corner

Angelyn's Marinade – Great for Poultry & Fish
Angelyn Semenza

Ingredients

- 1/3 C soy sauce
- 2/3 C white wine
- 1 tblsp sesame oil
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 tsp minced fresh ginger root
- 1/4 C chopped fresh cilantro

Directions

In a shallow dish, mix together soy sauce, wine, sesame oil, garlic, ginger and cilantro. Marinate fish or chicken for 1/2 hour or more before grilling.

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

Historical Preservation Ordinance

The Board of Supervisors will be voting on the proposed Historical Preservation Ordinance in August. This ordinance could particularly impact the Burbank because of our numerous older homes. Be sure to read the ordinance and have your input heard. We will have a speaker at the July meeting to discuss some residents concerns. The ordinance can be found on our website or call the hotline to receive a hard copy.

**Have a Safe & Happy
Fourth of July**



Honor & Preserve Our Trees

The County finds that the preservation of all trees on private and public property is necessary for the best interests of the County and its citizens in order to protect property values, aesthetic and scenic beauty, counteract pollutants in the air, provide shade, habitats as well as to protect valuable historical and community assets. The Board of Supervisors further finds that it is necessary and desirable to protect and preserve those trees that, because of their history, girth, height, species, or other unique quality, have a special significance to the community. At the last BCA Meeting it was brought to our attention that many trees in the community have been [removed](#) or inappropriately trimmed therefore jeopardizing their health and potential for longevity.



For information on proper (and legal) tree trimming and removal in the county pockets, please contact Ted Nguyen at 408.299.6720 or Bob Smith 408.299.6717.

Are There Out of Control Weeds on Your Street?

It was brought to the BCA's attention that there are several residences in our neighborhood with excessive weeds and could possibly be violating several codes such as weed abatement and fire. Residents are encouraged to contact the homeowner or tenant directly first. If this does not bring results, or if you do not feel safe in approaching your neighbor, then you may wish to contact the County Weed Abatement Program. When contacting the Weed Abatement Program please be sure to include the street address where the weeds are, how long they have been unattended, what efforts you have made to contact the resident, and if possible, include dated photos.

Weed Abatement Program
Department of Agriculture and Environmental Management
1553 Berger Drive, Building 1
San Jose, CA 95112
408.282.3145 Fax 408.286.2460

The Sheriff Offers a Daily Log of Crime Stats in the County!

If you are interested in learning more about arrests being made in the County Pockets, refer to the Sheriff's Daily Activity Log at: <http://www.sccgov.org/portal/site/sheriff> and refer to the "Quicklinks" menu on the right hand side of the page. From there, you can choose "Sheriff's Office Daily Activity Log" and browse away!

The BCA thanks our Sheriff's for their wonderful support of the Burbank Community and for participating in our monthly meeting,



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! Call 408.236.3769 or send an e-mail to: newsletter@burbankcommunityassn.com

We Need Volunteers!

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!

The BCA can really use your help build our community. No experience is required, just a desire to help the Burbank area be the best it can be. If you are interested, please give us a call at 408.236.3769

The BCA newsletter and the Web site are in need of **creative content writers**. Have you heard about something in the community that you would like to share? Know some history of the Burbank neighborhoods? Help us make our content more of a resource for the community! Please send an [e-mail](#) or call 408.236.3769



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BCA MEETING AGENDA

Monday, June 19, 2006— 7:00PM

Community Justice Center — 105 N. Bascom Avenue, Suite 201

7:00 - 7:05pm: Administrative Business

Welcome and Introductions – Rebecca Stamm

Attendance count/Quorum

Approve minutes for the May 2006 meeting

7:05 – 8:00pm

Valley Fair Expansion

Vacancy on Burbank Del Monte NAC

Recap of Jamboree

Neighborhood Watch Programs

BCA Polo Shirts

National Night Out

Thank You to Area Wide Newsletter Volunteers

Recap of May 20 Supervisor Forum

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

8:25 – 8:30pm: Comments for the Good of the Burbank Community

8:30pm: Adjournment - Next meeting is July 17, 2006

BCA Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2006 – 7:00pm

Attendance: 17 (3 Board Members, 14 participants) — The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Rebecca Stamm at 7:05 pm. A quorum was realized and the meeting minutes from the April meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Ky Le was absent and no report was provided.

Annexation of County Pockets: Chairperson, Rebecca Stamm received a letter from the City of San Jose Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement addressing her letter dated April 19, 2006. The letter confirms that the Burbank will not be annexed in the short term and will require a vote, under current law due to our size of approximately 400 acres. Pockets under 150 acres will fall under the annexation requests. The City is preparing a general answer book for local Community organizations that will address many of the questions raised and the BCA should have a copy soon. One important note from the letter is that the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI) Redevelopment Project Area does not include County pockets, and if the County pockets are annexed, they will **NOT** be included in the SNI Redevelopment areas unless the Redevelopment Plan is amended to expand the territory. At this time the Redevelopment Agency has no intention to initiate an amendment should the Burbank be annexed. If the Burbank is eventually annexed, and the BCA along with the Burbank residents wanted to become part of the Redevelopment area, a long process with extensive outreach would be required to amend the Redevelopment area. In regards to Eminent Domain, the Redevelopment Agency (RDA) does not have the authority to exercise it outside of its boundaries. The RDA is also in the process of proposing a limit on its authority to prohibit the use of eminent domain on single-family, owner occupied parcels throughout the SNI areas. The City however, **WILL** have the authority to condemn property for public use, such as the issue with the Clifton/Scott property in the Burbank. The redevelopment law with regard to the expenditure of funds outside of a project area is more flexible. In the case of the acquisition of property for, and the construction of public facilities, the Redevelopment Agency can make such expenditures outside of a SNI Project Area if the San Jose City Council decides that it will benefit the SNI Project Area. This was

the rationale behind the Clifton/Scott property, as well as the West San Carlos Landscaping and the Luther Burbank School fence. In the case of the Redevelopment Agency assisting private development outside of a project area, the San Jose City Council must make similar finding, including that the project assists in the elimination of blight in the SNI Project Area. The complete letter is available on the Burbank Website (www.burbankcommunityassn.com) as a download, or you may contact the BCA directly and we can wither email you a copy or send one in the US Mail.

County Assessor Letter: Chairperson, Rebecca Stamm also contacted the County Assessors office to see what the difference in property taxes would be should we be annexed to the City of San Jose. The BCA is still waiting for a response.

Sheriff's Update: Captain Laverone provided some successful arrests being made in the Burbank. Over ½ pound of Methamphetamine, a pound of Marijuana, and a stolen car were confiscated which is a HUGE success for our neighborhood. There are additional operations underway to shut down drug dealing and other illegal activities. If you are interested in learning more about arrests being made in the County Pockets, refer to the Sheriff's Daily Activity Log at: <http://www.sccgov.org/portal/site/sheriff> and refer to the "Quicklinks" menu on the right hand side of the page. From there, you can choose "Sheriff's Office Daily Activity Log" and browse away!

Based on input from one of the residents, Captain Laverone monitored the Primrose massage parlor on the corner of Maywood and Bascom for alleged illegal activities. He determined that there were no apparent issues based on the surveillance initiated.

Numerous complaints have been received about Babes Bar & Grill and the parking lot behind it. Alleged illegal activity has been observed and multiple agencies are looking into cracking down on this growing neighborhood nuisance. Additionally other problem businesses such as "Secrets" and "Tease" adult caberet are also being looked into regarding their permits and the definition of their businesses. We hope to have more information at the next meeting.

Residents are encouraged to contact the Sheriff's department via the non-emergency number (408.299.2311) if they personally observe any suspicious activities. Please also let Supervisor Jim Beall's office know about your concerns as well: (408.299.5040).

Burbank/NAC: They are looking for a County representative to fill an open vacancy, if you are interested, please contact the BCA immediately.

County Supervisor Forum: The planning is underway, and we are looking forward to a pretty robust event. The UNSCC team will be providing a moderator for the day.

Burbank Jamboree: A motion was made to donate \$100 to the West San Carlos Business District to help pay for the Jamboree this year. A rock climbing wall, jump house, 2 bands, face painting and many activities will be available this year. We are very excited about this event.

975 South Bascom: The City of San Jose denied the liquor license for this proposed store.

National Night Out: A motion was made for the BCA to participate in this August event and to provide illuminated key chains for the event. Captain Laverone will look into discounted key chains for us.

Traffic Calming: A complaint was made about the amount of speeding on Leland Avenue. If you have speeders on your street, please contact the Sheriff's department immediately and state the EXACT location and times of the speeders and the Sheriff will post a car. The Weed and Seed funding can be used to subsidize the cost for extra enforcement needed. The number to reach to file a complaint is (408.299.2311). The "Click It Or Ticket" campaign is underway. Please wear your seatbelt for your safety and the safety of others.

Weed Abatement: It was brought to the BCA's attention that there are several residences in our neighborhood with excessive weeds and possible code violations. Residents are encouraged to take photos and send to the County Code Enforcement department at 408.282.3145. Please also copy Jim Beall's Office (jim.beall@bos.sccgov.org) or (408.299.5040)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.