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Preserving and Enhancing the Quality of Life in the Burbank Area

National Night Out – A Huge Success!

On August 2, over 34 million people across America celebrated National Night Out – America's night out against crime, and a great opportunity for neighbors and friends to meet. At home here in the Burbank, over 250 residents, businesses, and families gathered at Luther Burbank School for an evening of BBQ'd delights, watermelon and refreshments...oh and of course, the Ice Cream from the BCA! The BCA would especially like to thank Jim Beall, Ken Yeager, the SCC Sheriff's department and the mounted police for their participation, and our very own Rebecca Stamm and Pat Martinez for their dedicated support!

Help Preserve Our Historic Burbank Gems...

In July, several residents met with Dana Peak and Ed Souza from the Historical Heritage Committee (HHC) to discuss the development of a historical ordinance designed to protect, preserve, promote and register historic resources in Santa Clara County. The ordinance would qualify properties that are historically significant; help to determine what types of modifications would be allowed in order to keep the home historically and architecturally sound; and whether a property would be able to be demolished. The ordinance would also allow residents to nominate properties for the register.

What does the HHC do?

Conducts surveys of architectural, cultural, and historic resources

Recommends which historic resources belong in the Heritage Resource Inventory listing.

Reviews demolition permit applications to identify if historic properties

Reviews design projects for properties in Historic Preservation Zoning Districts

Review properties that may qualify for the Mills Act Contract (that lowers property taxes of historic properties)

Reviews Historical Heritage Grant project applications

Develops and reviews ordinances and guidelines related to historic preservation

Once the ordinance has been drafted, the BCA will notify all interested parties. Several Burbank gems are listed in the Santa Clara County Heritage Resource Inventory publication. For more information, please contact the BCA.

August Gardening Tips

- Plan your fall planting! Local nurseries and do-it-yourself stores offer great sales on plants. Get your deals now!
- August & September will bring waves of heat, **check your irrigation** to ensure that your plants are well hydrated.
- **Use mulch to save on water.** Mulching consists of covering the soil with a 2 to 4 inch layer of organic matter. Shredded redwood bark or "gorilla hair" is NOT recommended because it packs down and is difficult for water to penetrate. Use fir bark, fir compost or redwood compost for best results.
- **Annuals:** If you plant now, summer annuals should give you 4 more months of color.

The Santa Clara Water District offers home visits to evaluate water systems for water wise efficiency. **Call 1-888-439-6624** to schedule an appt or contact them via www.valleywater.org



Next BCA Meeting:**MONDAY, August 15, 2005 — 7:00PM**

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

AGENDA**7:00 - 7:05pm: Administrative Business**

Welcome and Introductions – Anthony Martinez

Attendance count/Quorum

Approve minutes for the June and July 2005 meeting

7:05 – 8:00pm: Speakers

Owner of Clifton Property that is being considered by the NAC for a park site

Eleanor Dickman – San Jose Library Foundation

Additional topics include: 2006 Health Fair**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 September 19, 2005**MEETING MINUTES — July 18, 2005**

Attendance: 11 (2 Board Members, 9 participants) — The **meeting** was called to order by Chair person, Anthony Martinez, at 7:05pm. Due to a non-quorum, the meeting minutes and treasurer's report could not be accepted.

Sheriff's Update: Thirteen massage parlors have been visited for compliance checks, three of which received citations. Due to neighborhood complaints, **Babes Bar & Grill** is being patrolled more often to discourage compliance violations. **The Club 4/T's Caberet** has not received any official complaints lately, however several residents raised concerns about noise compliance. **Trash Talk:** The removal of recyclables can be prosecuted as theft since it is taking money away from waste management company, though because of the small monetary amount it is rarely done.

Annexation Request from the BVNA: The BVNA voted to be annexed to the City. The current BVNA maps show an overlapping portion in the Beverly Tract area. BCA members voted to send a letter to BVNA and Supervisor Beall to have on the record BCA's position that the Beverly Tract area (south of Scott from Richmond to Bascom) is in the BCA boundary and should not be included in the annexation request. It also stated our concern that the vote was taken with out notification of the residents it will affect. **The Clifton Property Annexation:** A report was given on Jim Beall's opposition to the annexation of the property located on the corner of Clifton & Scott.

Burbank Del Monte/NAC: A discussion was initiated around having a BCA rep on NAC board. The general consensus was that this might be taken that the BCA is now supporting the NAC and its policies and actions. The BCA will not nominate anyone to officially represent the association on the NAC board.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm**Upcoming Meeting/Events****AUGUST**

04 – Burbank Sanitary Board

09 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.

13 – Hands Off My Home

15 – BCA

18 – Burbank Sanitary Board

25 – Burbank/NAC

SEPTEMBER

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22 – Burbank/NAC

Donations Needed

We are looking for a donation of up to **five 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.

FREE BURBANK FORUM!

Join the latest chat forum in the Burbank. It's FREE!

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/>

Fall Newsletter Delivery

In November the BCA will be distributing the newsletter to all residents in the Burbank. If you can deliver on just your street, it would be a tremendous help. It takes about 20 -30 minutes per street. Call 408.236.3769 if you can help.

Building Strong Neighborhoods One Resident at a Time!

Building strong neighborhoods by connecting individuals to information, technology and opportunities for civic engagement is the stimulus of the Neighborhood Development Center (NDC).

In the face of budget shortfalls the NDC continues to meet the needs of community members. Our program provides **Free Leadership Development Training** to the residents of San José; organizing assistance to neighborhood associations; and information and technological resources.

Located at 43 E. Gish Road near North First Street, the NDC facility provides access to Internet ready computers, printers, copy machines, fax services and much more.

Located in their office you will also find a Resource Library with well over 200 books, videos and resource binders on topics such as community organizing, grants, legal matters, computers, personal growth and much, much more!

They have a staff available to assist residents who want to mobilize and organize their neighborhoods as well as support existing groups with continual organizational challenges.

Their services are designed to build the leadership capacity of residents and assist them in achieving the desired neighborhood quality of life.

For more information or to request organizing assistance please contact the **Neighborhood Development Center** at 408.392.6771.



Grant Writers...We Can Use Your Expertise!

The Community Foundation of Silicon Valley announced its new grant guidelines and website on July 5.

Under the new Community Investment Program, CFSV's cash grants program includes three grant programs designed to provide financial support and technical assistance to exemplary community organizations. Grants include:

The **Community Investment Grants**
 An **Organizational Effectiveness Grant**
 The **Neighborhood Grants Program**

The next quarterly Community Investment Grant deadline is September 1, 2005.

For more information, refer to www.cfsv.org/grants

Recipe Corner

Zucchini Bread

Mimi Hansen

Main Ingredients

Mix:

1 cup of grated raw zucchinis
 2 eggs lightly beaten
 ¼ cup of vegetable oil
 1 cup of sugar
 1 ¼ teaspoon vanilla

Sift together:

1 ¼ cup of flour
 ½ teaspoon of salt
 ½ teaspoon of baking soda
 ½ teaspoon of cinnamon
 ¼ teaspoon of baking powder

Combine:

¼ cup of chopped walnuts

Directions

Beat items in order. Then combine with dry sifted items, then add nuts.

Bake at 375 in greased and floured pan for about 35 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean.

It's a great way to use up those extra summer squash!

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

Honor Your Vets Folks

Having just visited the D-Day Beaches in Normandy, I have a whole new appreciation for service people around the world. Veterans Day is coming up, please spend a moment and honor your vets.

Support Your Neighborhood Merchants!

Editorial by: [Chantale Hansen & Rebecca Stamm](#)

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 about your experiences – good or bad!



Juicy Burger

375 S. Bascom Avenue – 408.295.4510

Clean. Good. Reasonable. Fast. If you are looking for a quick bite to eat, check out the Juicy Burger on Bascom. Always packed and always fresh, you can order off the menu or build your own towering burger with tomatoes, lettuce or pineapple if you like. Oh and try their turkey burgers, they are delectable! This is a definite neighborhood favorite!



Savers – Thrift Store

2222 Business Circle — 408.287.0591

If you are looking for clothing or recycled goods at cheap prices, head on over to Savers. You can find nice clothes for that job interview, first days at school, or even costumes for Halloween at a fraction of the cost of department stores. Some items are used or slightly worn, but if your pocket book is tight, this is the place for you. They offer weekly sales for additional discounts. Check the marquis for the color code of the week...find yourself some great deals!



Just Leather

2370 W. San Carlos – 408.286.3450

For all you motor cycle riders out there, Just Leather has got the gear you need for that fall collection! The weather is perfect for a spin on that hog or whatever your two-wheeled (or even three wheeled) choice may be. Just Leather offers a colorful atmosphere, has some good sales, and quality products to help keep you safe and stylish on the road. Check em out, they always have a great summer parking lot sale!



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!

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.

Hands Off My Home!!!

The [Coalition for Redevelopment Reform](#) will be hosting a free informational conference to increase awareness about eminent domain and how the Supreme Court decision will affect you.

Featured speakers include Senator Tom McClintock, Dana Berliner (from the Institute for Justice) and Supervisor Chris Norby.

Do you own, or ever hope to own, property in the United States? If so, you should join us on August 13th to discuss the impact that the Supreme Court's Kelo decision will have on each and everyone of us.

Meeting Details

Saturday, August 13, 2005

1:30pm to 4:30 pm

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72 N. 5th Street, San Jose

RSVP: c2r_coalition@yahoo.com

or call 408.817.5678

Back To School

It's that time of year again. Our neighborhood children will be heading back to school for another year. When driving, please be extra careful about kids crossing the street in the early morning and the afternoon.

Watch Your Speed!