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### Your Chance to Help the Sheriff's Department is Here!

The Sheriff's Department is looking for scenario role players to help complete the required academy scenario tests. The scenario tests are a crucial element of the POST Basic Academy, which allow the academy staff to determine if a recruit possesses the skills necessary to safely and effectively perform the critical duties of a peace officer. The qualifications for a scenario role player are as follows:

- At least 18 years of age (sworn /civilian staff/family members/community volunteers)
- Ability to follow a script and maintain professionalism
- Genuine interest in law enforcement training
- No felony convictions

The scheduled scenarios dates and times are as follows:

- Wednesday 8/30/06 8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.
- Thursday 8/31/06 8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.
  
- Tuesday 10/10/06 8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.
- Wednesday 10/11/06 8:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

If you are interested please contact:

Sergeant Mike Doty #1677  
Santa Clara County Sheriff's  
Justice Training Center Coordinator  
(408) 201-7670

### No Charge for Directory Assistance

Phone Companies are charging \$1.00 or more for 411/information.

When you need to use 411/information, simply dial 1-800-FREE-411 or 1-800-373-3411 without incurring a charge. Works on cell phones too!!

Please be aware that you will hear a short advertisement before receiving the number you requested. That is how this service is offered for free. If you don't mind hearing the sponsor paid advertisements, then this service could be perfect for you!

### 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.

### Water Wise House Call

Concerned about high water bills?  
Would you like to use less water?

If so, this free program is for you. The Santa Clara Valley Water district is offering free home evaluations to all Santa Clara County residents

Call (800) 548-1882 to schedule an appt or contact them via [www.valleywater.org](http://www.valleywater.org)



### National Night Out: A Big Success!

The Burbank Area National Night, held on the Luther Burbank School's field, was a good time had by all. Everyone enjoyed the BBQ dinner of hot dogs, potatoe salad, chips

and refreshments. The Sheriff's Emergency Response Team was on hand to demonstrate their gear and help kids of all ages become more aware of what they do. The lawn was a great location to relax picnic style and many families enjoyed the feature film, *The Incredibles*, from the grass. At 8:30 the movie started on the 24 ft. outdoor screen. How cool! The long line for the free theater style popcorn, courtesy of WSCNBA, was a sign of its big success.

Supervisor Beall and Councilmember Ken Yeager stopped by to enjoy the festivities and chat with residents.

Thank you to all of those who helped to make this event a great success: Weed and Seed Committee, O'Connor Hospital, Luther Burbank School, BVNA, SHPNA, WSCNBA, Supervisor Jim Beall, Councilmember Ken Yeager, SJPD, SCC Sheriff's Dept and SCC District Attorney's Office.



### Annexation Update

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, the San Jose City Council approved the city staff's recommendation to annex 58 parcels (all under 150 acres) into San Jose over the next 3-5 years. Pockets with few or no residents are being annexed first. This decision is based on the assumption that LAFCO will extend its ruling that pockets under 150 acres may be annexed without a vote.

At this time, city documents show annexation of a small pocket by O'Connor Hospital and the Buena Vista pocket not being annexed until the third of three stages. This may change, though, since annexation guidelines and timelines are still being developed.

For more information, or to read the above referenced documents, visit the annexation section of the BCA's website: [www.burbankcommunityassn.com](http://www.burbankcommunityassn.com)

Or you may contact Richard Buikema, Senior Planner in the Department of Planning Building and Code Enforcement at [rich.buikema@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:rich.buikema@sanjoseca.gov) or (408) 535-7800.

### Luther Burbank School Welcomes a New Principal

The BCA would like to welcome Marvely Maldonado, Luther Burbank School's new principal. We wish Ms. Maldonado the best of luck in her new school and look forward to working with her in the future.

### Upcoming Meeting/Events

#### AUGUST

- 03 – Burbank Sanitary Board
- 08 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.
- 17 – Burbank Sanitary Board
- 21 – BCA Monthly Meeting**
- 24 – Burbank/NAC

#### September

- 12 – W. San Carlos Bus Assoc.
- 12 – Luther Burbank School Board
- 14 – Transportation Impact Policy - Meridian and WSC
- 18 – BCA Monthly Meeting**
- 19 – Measure A Special Election
- 23 – Luther Burbank School Centennial Celebration
- 28 – Burbank/NAC

### BCA Board Elections

Well it is almost that time of year again when the BCA will be holding Board elections.

Last year we were thrilled to add two new members to the board and would love to do the same this year.

If you are interested in helping your community by serving on the BCA Board, please let us know.

### Sheriff Receives \$125k Grant

The Sheriff's Dept. received a \$125,000 grant from the Dept. of Alcohol Beverage Control to assist in fighting drinking related crimes.

This grant will allow the Sheriff's Office to target those establishments, within its jurisdiction, that do not comply with laws concerning the sale of alcoholic beverages, as well as support existing programs such as the Minor Decoy operation.

## Midtown South Community Improvement Zone

The new Transportation Impact Policy, adopted by the City Council in June of 2005, establishes a process for new developments that have traffic impacts to certain intersections that can no longer be widened, called Protected Intersections, to install improvements, called "offsetting improvements", for non-automobile means of transportation (such as pedestrian, bicycle, and transit). The intersection of Meridian and West San Carlos qualifies as a Protected Intersection. This intersection lies within the Midtown South Community Zone. A map of this zone's boundaries can be found at [www.burbankcommunityassn.com](http://www.burbankcommunityassn.com)

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, the first public meeting was held at the Sherman Oaks Community Center to discuss Midtown South Community Improvement Zone. This meeting was the first of several meetings to gather input from the community.

Many questions were raised concerning this plan, including if these improvements will be made in county pockets. At this point, the answer seems to be, no.

The Burbank Community Association has contacted the City to question this policy. Since the funds are coming from private developers and if the improvements would help the impact on the intersection, why shouldn't they be allowed in the county pockets?

To read the other questions and answers from the first meeting please visit our website at [www.burbankcommunityassn.com](http://www.burbankcommunityassn.com)

**The next meeting is scheduled for  
Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm – 8:30pm  
Sherman Oaks Community Center (1800A Fruitdale)**

For more information contact Rodrigo Orduna at [rodrigo.orduna@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:rodrigo.orduna@sanjoseca.gov) or call (408) 535-7890

## Neighborhood Watch

Patton Avenue held its first Neighborhood Watch meeting this month. Several residents came out to get to know one another, discuss their concerns in the neighborhood and convey those concerns to the Sheriff's Dept.

Thank you to Sergeant Donald Morrissey and Deputy Josh Singleton for attending the meeting and listening to the concerns of the Patton Avenue residents.

If you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch Program on your street, or block, please contact the BCA and we will help you with meeting set up and advertising.

## Recipe Corner

### Louisiana Red Beans and Rice

This recipe is quick and easy. I use turkey kielbasa to cut down on fat and calories and it tastes great.

#### Ingredients

½ pound smoked sausage  
(kielbasa, chorizo or andouille)  
Cut into thin slices

3 cups cut up vegetables  
(onion, bell pepper and celery)

2 cloves garlic minced

3 cans (approx 15 oz) red kidney  
beans – un-drained

Hot sauce or red pepper flakes to  
taste

Cooked rice

#### Directions

Cook sausage in large nonstick  
skillet or Dutch oven over medium  
high heat for 5 minutes or until  
browned.

Add vegetables and garlic

Cook and stir 3 minutes or until  
vegetables are crisp-tender

Stir in beans and hot sauce.

Heat to boiling. Reduce heat to  
medium-low and cook uncovered  
for 10 minutes or until flavors have  
blended.

Serve over hot cooked rice.

**6 servings.**

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

## Check Qualifications of Landscapers Before Hiring Help for Yard Work.

There have been reports of unlicensed landscapers trying to solicit business in the area. The card they give has an invalid contractor's license number. Please be very careful when contracting to do work with someone especially if they came soliciting at your door.

You can check the Contractor's License Board web site to verify a contractor's license number: [http://www2.cslb.ca.gov/CSLB\\_LIBRARY/License+Request.asp](http://www2.cslb.ca.gov/CSLB_LIBRARY/License+Request.asp) or call 1-800-321-CSLB (2752)

### Tips to Making Sure Your Contractor Measures Up

- 1) Verify they are a licensed contractor
- 2) Get three references
- 3) Get three bids to do the work
- 4) Get a written contract and do not sign until you understand
- 5) Pay 10% or \$1,000 whichever is less
- 6) Do not let the payments get ahead of the work
- 7) Do not make the final payment until you are satisfied with the job
- 8) Do not pay cash
- 9) Keep a file folder of all papers concerning the job

## Measure A – Extension of the Luther Burbank School Bond

The Luther Burbank School District will be holding a special election on September 19th for Measure A, which is a measure to extend the already existing bond for school improvements. This extension will bring in approximately \$9.5 million dollars into the school district, allowing them to build a new multipurpose cafeteria and add 3 more classrooms.

With the school's great success has come some growing pains, such as a cafeteria so small that the student lunches are completed in four shifts. Also it does not allow adequate seating for student performances or programs.

To read Measure A or for more information visit the BCA's website or contact Luther Burbank School District at 408-295-2450. The school district is also looking for volunteers to help spread the word about Measure A.

## We Can EXPO

*We Can EXPO* is a unique 4-hour family event scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the City Hall Rotunda in downtown San Jose. *We Can EXPO* allows attendees to make a positive difference in the lives of others by donating specific new and used items to the various nonprofit and community organizations that will be on hand to accept them on behalf of those they serve. Further details can be found online at [www.wecanexpo.net](http://www.wecanexpo.net) or by contacting the participating organizations directly. Fifteen local organizations will attend and accepting donations

### Safety Tips for the HOT HOT Weather

When the hot days of summer come along be sure to follow some simple safety tips to keep yourself and your family and neighbors safe.

- Do not leave children or pets unattended in vehicles – not even for a few minutes
- Drink extra fluids – avoid alcoholic beverages
- Watch for signs of heat stroke or heat exhaustion such as absence of sweating with red dry skin, rapid pulse, confusion, or high body temperature
- Check on elderly neighbors to make sure they are cool and hydrated
- Brings pets inside during the heat of the day and provide shade at other time. Provide plenty of cool fresh water.
- Do not walk pets during the heat of the day when asphalt can burn their foot pads. and overheating is more likely

### SJPD's New Website

On July 20<sup>th</sup> the San Jose Police Department launched its new Homicide and Cold Case Website. This website features homicide cases that the San Jose Police Department has little evidence and/or no witnesses.

Please take a few minutes to review the site. Each case features contact information so you can easily reach SJPD if you have any information.

The new website can be found at [www.sjpdhomicide.com](http://www.sjpdhomicide.com)



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## **BCA Meeting Agenda August 21, 2006 – 7:00pm**

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

Welcome and Introductions – Rebecca Stamm, Chairperson  
Attendance count/Quorum  
Approve minutes for the July 2006 meeting

### **7:05 – 8:00pm:**

National Night Out Recap  
Discussion about annexation of County pockets into the City of San Jose  
Luther Burbank School Centennial  
Measure A  
Midtown South Improvement Meetings  
New SJPD website  
Sheriff's Dept Training Help  
Sheriff's Dept Receives Grant  
BCA can write for grant from county  
Board Elections

**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 18, 2006



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## **BCA Meeting Minutes ~ July 17, 2006 – 7:00pm**

Attendance: 17 (4 Board Members, 11 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 Checking Account has a balance of \$1532.26 and Savings has a balance of 266.92.

Stanford Neighborhood Association: Kim Bomar with the Stanford Neighborhood Association wanted to make sure neighborhoods are aware of Historic Preservation Ordinance. Her objective to this ordinance is that it does not require owner consent before a home can be restricted under Historical Building Laws. There is also objection because of the financial hardships the additional permits and regulations could place on a homeowner.

County Supervisor Ken Yeager: Ken Yeager will continue to do outreach over the next five months; such as ride alongs, National Night Out, fund Homework Help at Luther Burbank School. He is also concerned about the Burbank Theater and is trying to get all stakeholders together. Ken's office can also use volunteers for mailing. Anyone interested can contact the BCA for information on how to contact Ken Yeager's office.

Luther Burbank Centennial Celebration: September 23, 2006 is Luther Burbank's BIG centennial celebration. Its scheduled for 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the school.

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

Luther Burbank School asked for support for Measure A which would extend their existing bond and bring in revenue for the school of \$9.5 million. Through a unanimous vote, the BCA will endorse LBS's effort. This bond will help build three additional classes rooms and replace their cafeteria with a new larger cafeteria/multi-purpose room.

Glow Sticks: \$252 for 1,000 glow sticks. Motion passed for BCA money to fund the purchase of glow sticks for LBS students.

National Night Out: A motion was made for the BCA to donate \$400. Motion passed unanimously.

Club 4: Last month Club 4 shut its doors. Their lease expired and the landlord did not renew.

Grand Prix Ticket Donation: Valley Fair mall, sponsor of this year Grand Prix, offered the BCA 10 tickets. With not enough time to consult all members of the BCA, the BCA Board offered the tickets to the Weed and Seed organization. They made sure the tickets went to LBS students and their families who would otherwise not been able to attend the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.